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HOWARD TREDINNICK

TRIUMPH TURNED INTO TRAGEDY

BY TOM ANDERSON

WHAT should have been a day of triumph for Apia Leichhardt's new full-back Howard Tredinnick turned out to be a day of tragedy.

This talented young defender was turning in a great performance in his first appearance for his new club against Sydney Croatia since being loaned from Parramatta Melita.

Then the sky fell in and, in a collision with Croatia striker Graham Arnold in the 43rd minute, Tredinnick received a broken leg.

It was a complete accident and indeed a tragedy for the Australian Under 23 captain and the Apia club.

During the time Tredinnick was on the field he looked the part at right-back and the Apia defence looked solid.

THE Australian Soccer Federation this morning released the Australian squad for the coming International Series spectacular starting May 29 at the Melbourne Cricket Ground.

The Socceroos will clash against the visiting Tottenham Hotspurs of England, Brazil's Vasco da Gama and Italy's Udinese for \$200,000 prizemoney.

Seven new players have broken their way on to the international scene for Australia.

They are: from Victoria, goalkeeper Jeff Oliver, defender Robbie Dunn and midfielder Mike Petersen; from NSW, defender Gerardo Gomez, midfielders Jimmy Patikas and Zarko Odzakov and striker Rod Brown.

Surprise omissions from the Australian squad were Canberra's stylistic goalkeeper Anthony Franken and Sydney Olympic's block-busting teenage winger Chris Kalantzis.

But Australia's World Cup coach, Frank Arok, told us this morning: "Do not discount either Kalantzis or Franken for the World Cup. I have been impressed by both of them and they are still strongly in my book for later on."

"I have given priority to players of proven ability, stability and with individual flair. Players who can do something different and swing a match our way with some kind of individuality."

Arok submitted 20 names to the ASF and has left two spots temporarily vacant which

are expected to be filled over the next week or so.

The selection of utility specialist Gomez, explosive goalscorer Patikas and his Sydney Croatia colleague Zarko Odzakov must be applauded.

Gomez, an exciting player to watch, has been outstanding and above all consistent for Sydney City over the last two seasons — as either right-back, centre-back, sweeper or midfielder.

Added to Gomez's versatility is his goalscoring ability in the air or with either boot.

Patikas and Odzakov, the Sydney Croatia midfield duo, have been largely responsible for their club currently sitting on top of the NSL ladder in the Northern Division.

Patikas has tremendous acceleration and has been scoring plenty of goals, while Odzakov's midfield scheming and defence-splitting passes have made him a matchwinner.

Australia's first match will be a night game against Tottenham at the MCG on May 29 with the early match between Vasco da Gama and Udinese of Italy.

Australia's line-up for the 'Spurs match could be: Greedy; Gomez, Ratcliffe, O'Connor, Jennings; Patikas, Odzakov, Crino, Murphy; Kosmina, Soper.

This would allow Arok to bring on a fresh, pacey Frank

BY JOHN ECONOMOS

Farina after the break. In his defenders, Arok has chosen well. They are men of stability and steel

with a no-nonsense attitude. Australia's midfielders possess creativity, acceleration and

ball-winning ability.

The Australian attack-line has power, pace, fire and flair.



NEW Australian squad selection Gerardo Gomez challenges Marconi's Mark Jankovics during an NSL match for his club side, Sydney City.

THE AUSTRALIAN SQUAD

GOALKEEPERS: Greedy, Oliver.

DEFENDERS: Gomez, O'Connor, Robertson, Dunn, Ratcliffe, Yankos, Jennings.

MIDFIELDERS: Watson, Patikas, Odzakov.

Petersen, McCulloch, Crino, Murphy.

STRIKERS: Kosmina, Soper, Farina, Rod Brown.

WOLVES SNARE MARTON

BY BRAD EARL

WOLLONGONG City's chances of escaping relegation from the NSL Northern Division this season have been boosted by the signing of veteran striker Dez Marton from St George.

Marton was unhappy that he was only getting limited runs in St George's NSL side this season.

Wollongong coach Adrian Alston is hoping his experience will guide the young Wolves, who lost 3-0 to Blacktown City yesterday.

Marton is expected to make his debut for the Wolves against Newcastle on Wednesday night.

The Yugoslav striker won the NSW State League Rothmans Medal in his first season with the Saints in 1981.

Now at 37, he says this season will probably be his last, as he wants to move into coaching next year.

STANKOVIC AND ZIRAS EXCEL

MARCONI0

SYDNEY OLYMPIC.....0

JIM ZIRAS returned to form and Andy Stankovic proved a worthwhile gain as Sydney Olympic's defence stood up well in yesterday's 0-0 draw with lively Marconi at Marconi Stadium.

Ziras recovered from a nightmare experience against Sydney Croatia to play well in defence and he proved himself time and time again in setting up attacks.

Stankovic, signed on loan from Newcastle premiers Cardiff, rarely put a foot wrong and was strong in the air as well.

He was unlucky not to have scored the

BY KEITH GILMOUR

winning goal. He helped a Peter Raskopoulos free-kick into Marconi's net but referee Graham Warne ruled that Stuart Johnston had cut out goalkeeper Alex McPherson as the ball went in.

Afterwards McPherson said: "I was glad that the referee picked

up the charge. Many a goal has been given away in these circumstances."

Apart from that opportunity, the game was so closely contested that any result other than a draw would hardly have been fair.

The first half was even and the second produced a succession of raids, first by one team and then the other, in a seesawing arrangement that resulted in nothing but a long list of close calls.

Marshall Soper did his best to get Olympic out of the rut by putting Mark Koussas close to scoring and then lobbing a header on the top of the Marconi net.

In the 17th minute Olympic goalkeeper Gary Meier was in the action. He raced out to push out a Peter Tredinnick cross and then went down to smother Steve Calderan's close-in shot.

Later on Soper gave Craig Mason a piece of advice after Mason had come in hard, but the action took place behind the referee's back.

After the resumption

the game settled into its pattern of alternating raids, with the crowd reacting to the pressure and a few fights breaking out along the line.

Mark Jankovics and Rod Brown kept pecking away for Marconi. For Olympic Koussas and Tredinnick had their chances.

In the 74th minute Graham Jennings was called upon for a clearance off the line from Calderan's attempt.

Marconi could not have gone closer and at the other end McPherson managed to knock a Raskopoulos corner on to the post.

Man of the match: a close decision between Soper and Ziras, but **MARSHALL SOPER** took the honours for a brave display.

MARCONI: McPherson, Carter, Sterrey, Henderson, Calderan, Mason, Gray, Lowe (Gunning 80), Brown, Jankovics, Tredinnick.

SYDNEY OLYMPIC: Meier, Johnston, Jennings, Ziras, Rogers, Phillips (Svinos 69), Raskopoulos, Soper, Koussas, Patallis, Stankovic.

REFEREE: G. Warne. CROWD: 2,434.

SAD LACK OF CLASS PLAYERS

NEWCASTLE.....1

PENRITH CITY.....1

SHOULD Newcastle or Penrith City fail to make any real impression this season, they'll look back on Saturday's 1-1 draw as a true indication of their deficiencies.

BY NEIL JAMESON

approach repeatedly came to grief through sloppy distribution and the experienced defence of Penrith's Jeff Ainsworth.

While Newcastle looked no more authoritative in the second half, Penrith were at least purposeful.

However, the equaliser came in unlikely circumstances.

Bobby Hebb's 55th minute speculator into the box evaded Mike Boogaard's outstretched leg and struck Neil Owens' knee to deflect it into the net.

This match at Adamstown was screaming out for a player with genuine authority and class to shape it into life. Sadly, none was forthcoming.

Newcastle might have had it well and truly won by half-time, but lacked the killer instinct.

Penrith, after struggling back to even terms, lacked the punch to go all the way.

It was the ease and earliness of Newcastle's sixth minute goal that lulled the home side into the impression they were in for an undemanding afternoon.

Dean Milosevic was unchallenged to retrieve a ball to the right of goal and flicked it over his head for John McQuarrie to head past Mike Gibson.

The following 20 minutes saw Newcastle "murder" Penrith but fail to lengthen the lead.

United's casual

Clint Gosling saved the day for Newcastle with a stunning fisted save off Randell Easthorpe's 69th minute volley and two minutes later Ainsworth blocked Derek Todd's goalbound drive.

Man of the match: in a sea of mediocrity **JOHN MCQUARRIE**'s tireless midfield effort shone like a beacon.

NEWCASTLE: Gosling, Maier, Owens, Boogaard, Thompson, McQuarrie, Senkalski, D. Jones, Todd, Milosevic (Stuart 80), Kerby.

PENRITH: Gibson, Brogan, Cross, Ainsworth, Campbell, Wotherpoon, Hunter, Hebb, Easthorpe (Licata 80), Jackson, Jones.

REFEREE: K. Small. CROWD: 1,700.

NSL YOUTH LEAGUE

CANBERRA WIN CRUCIAL ONE

BY PETER RUSSELL

CANBERRA CITY OLYMPIANS won their top-of-the table clash with Sydney City at Bruce Stadium.

They came from behind twice — from Abbas Saad goals in the 16th and 69th minutes — with goals from Gus Cerro (50th min), Vic Fernandez Jr (72nd) and Ian Gibson (84th).

Wollongong Wolves moved into second place with a well-deserved 3-2 win over Blacktown City at the Gabbie.

Goals from Tony Corridini, Darren Nees and Anthony Wellbourne gave Wollongong victory. Gary Jones and Paul Quarmby (penalty) got the Demons' goals.

Apia Leichhardt took over third spot with a 3-2 home victory over a spasmodic Sydney Croatia side, despite twice being behind to goals by Alan Berkopec and Steve Medanic (penalty).

But Bruno Beddoni got his second and the winner in the 86th minute, also from the penalty spot, after Alan Parison had levelled the scores at 2-2 in the 84th.

Inter Monaro provided another upset by defeating St George at St George with two goals from Claudio Giffetelli, with Chris High Saints' only scorer.

Marconi fought back to share the points with Sydney Olympic after trailing 2-0 to two Chris Polias goals.

Two goals from David Grace and Ian Reid in six minutes saved their bacon.

In the other game at Adamstown Oval, Newcastle Rosebud narrowly defeated Penrith City 1-0.

The goals were scored by Peter McGuinness in what was described as a "forgettable" game.

NEWCASTLE ROSEBUD 1 (McGuinness) PENRITH CITY 0.

APIA LEICHHARDT 3 (Beddoni 23, 86, Parison 84)

SYDNEY CROATIA 2 (Berkopec 14, Medanic 49).

MARCONI 2 (Grace 55, Reid 61) SYDNEY OLYMPIC 2 (Polias 13, 50).

ST GEORGE 1 (Watson 58) INTER MONARO 2 (Giffetelli 7, 82).

CANBERRA CITY OLYMPIANS 3 (Cerro 50, Fernandez 72, Gibson 84) SYDNEY CITY 2 (Saad 16, 69).

BLACKTOWN CITY 2 (Jones 35, Quarmby 80) WOLLONGONG CITY 3 (Corridini 15, Nees 34, Wellbourne 65).

CANBERRA CAN'T WIN AT HOME

CANBERRA CITY.....1

SYDNEY CITY.....3

EVEN without Steve O'Connor, Paul Kay, Jean-Paul de Marigny and Ean Rodrigues, Sydney City did enough in half a game to keep Canberra without a win at home right through the first half of the NSL competition.

BY KEN HEALEY

The Slickers won 3-1 with all goals scored in a first half which they controlled.

Canberra coach Roy Thomson played big Marko Perinovic to bullock against Steve O'Connor. In O'Connor's absence, the more mobile Gerardo Gomez easily evaded Perinovic.

Manis Lamond replaced Perinovic with distinction in the second half, but the damage was done.

The Slickers started the way Manchester United finished in the FA Cup Final, with Kosmina heading onto the crossbar in the first minute after Graeme Fletcher had cleverly lifted a Joe Watson corner to the Socceroo skipper.

Four minutes later, Grant Lee beat the offside trap from a Watson free-kick and had time to pick his spot against Anthony Franken.

With Watson and Gomez unbeatable, Frank Farina three times brought the best out of Franken before beating him after Terry Byrne had momentarily halted the speedster's progress with a sliding tackle.

At 2-0 the Slickers looked good. They could hardly believe their luck when a lumbering Jim Harkins tugged Farina's shirt in the area as the winger raced past.

Paul Ontong's legitimate tackle at the same moment made the foul unnecessary, but Kosmina was in no mood for charity as he sent Franken the wrong way from the penalty spot.

The goal of the match, a minute before the break, reduced the leeway.

Tom Sermanni jink-

ed past four players in a 35 metre dash and finished as well as he had run.

With Isaac Farrell in midfield and Jason Dunn doing well in central defence, Canberra was actually more on top during the second half than the Slickers had been before the break.

Alex Robertson had dispossessed Tom English every time the striker had the ball before half-time.

In the second half English won that battle, but missed no fewer than four chances, two of them unchallenged from close in.

Farrell and Dunn were also off-target in a half in which Canberra forced seven corners to one, and in which Franken was in danger only once, when Kosmina tangled with him on the ground.

With such abysmal finishing, Canberra deserves no sympathy for letting slip a match in which it should have collected at least a point.

Man of the match:



Penrith goalkeeper Mike Gibson



ALEX ROBERTSON

Sydney City sweeper **GERARDO GOMEZ** by a hair's breadth from Watson and Farina.

CANBERRA: Franken, Ontong, Harkins (Farrell 45), Mihailidis, Byrne, Dunn, Phillips, Sermanni,

Bryant, Perinovic (Lamond 45), English.

SYDNEY CITY: Pezzano, K. Falconer, Robertson, Gomez, Cant, Lee, Watson, Barnes, Kosmina, Farina, Fletcher (Foxman 68).

REFEREE: G. Davies. CROWD: 1,123.

NEW ROLE SUITS BRADLEY

BLACKTOWN CITY..... 3 WOLLONGONG CITY.....0

BLACKTOWN CITY's new-look forward-line had too much class for Wollongong City as the Demons won 3-0 at Gabbie Stadium yesterday.

Instead of playing with three men across the park, coach Casey de Bruin had John Bradley working behind the two front-men, Phil O'Connor and John McKie.

Bradley started the season at right striker but was switched to midfield for the two games in which Kevin Keegan appeared for Blacktown.

However, his new role — which de Bruin says is to act as a link between the midfield and the front-line — appears to suit his game perfectly.

BY BRAD EARL

Blacktown scored two goals in the space of a minute prior to half-time after an even first half.

The first, in the 41st minute, was scored from a short corner, with acting captain Stuart Selvage sending a low ball into the goalmouth which reached O'Connor, and he settled himself before slotting the ball low into the corner of the net.

A minute later, Bradley lobbed the ball over the top of the Wollongong defence for McKie to run on to, and he finished with a powerful shot.

It was almost identical to McKie's goal against Canberra recently, when Bradley set him up with a fine through-ball.

Earlier on Wollongong were given due warning of the dangerous combination of the two Scots, who played together at Apia Leichhardt a few years ago.

Bradley won possession and passed through for McKie to strike powerfully but Wolves keeper Sean Billington parried the ball away.

The visitors suffered through the loss of Bernie Godzik through illness after 24 minutes.

Godzik is one of only two experienced players who can add direction to Wollongong's play and after he left Blacktown gained superiority in midfield, particularly through Selvage in an anchorman role and Stevie Knight on the left.

Wollongong's other experienced player, sweeper Peter Willis, had a much-improved game, apart from a lapse which cost the third goal in the 71st minute.

Willis was dispossessed by Brett Thornthwaite inside his own half and the young Demons midfielder passed through for O'Connor to run on to and score on the left side of the box.

Man of the match: JOHN BRADLEY's confident form and class through-balls just edged him ahead of a number of well-performed Demons.

BLACKTOWN: Hoare; Skellern, Bourke, Daley, Rasmussen; Thornthwaite, Selvage, Knight; Bradley, McKie (Larkin 73), O'Connor.

WOLLONGONG: Billington; Kotamanidis, Gaffney, Willis, Dickson; Godzik (Condran 24), Bundalo, Hristovski; Kerr, Green, Giannone.

REFEREE: R. Doenau. CROWD: 825.



ON THE BALL: Sydney Croatia's Zarko Odzakov fends off the challenge of Apia Leichhardt defender Arno Bertogna at Lambert Park yesterday.

CROATIA GO ON WINNING WAY

APIA LEICHHARDT.....1 SYDNEY CROATIA.....3

SYDNEY CROATIA ran out 3-1 winners over Apia Leichhardt at Lambert Park in what was a tremendous battle.

This present Croatia team looks the goods and, when one thinks it will be further strengthened by the inclusion of big Soccerroo striker Eddie Krncevic next month, it must be favoured to take out this year's championship.

That is unless the wheels fall off and it's hard to see this happening under the astute coaching of the experienced Vedran Rozic.

The match was fought out at break-neck speed and the action came thick and fast throughout.

Croatia went into the lead in the 27th minute from a diving header from the busy Shane Clinch.

But Terry Butler put his side on level terms in the 31st minute with a well-judged lob.

Then, with eight minutes left to play when

a draw seemed on, Croatia got the goals that mattered.

They went ahead when Ian Rowden headed into his own

BY TOM ANDERSON

goal while under pressure in the 82nd minute.

Then Jim Patikas helped himself to the

third and two more valuable points were in the Croatia locker.

Apia fought hard but until they get a couple of good strikers they will always struggle to win games.

Man of the match: Apia's TERRY BUTLER was outstanding in an attacking mid-

field role and he never put a foot wrong.

APIA LEICHHARDT: Parks; Tredinnick (Spina 43), Rowden, Mariani, Brown; Bertogna, McCulloch, Butler; Colagiuri, Genovese, De Ceglie.

SYDNEY CROATIA: Woodhouse; Kovacic (Tomasic 89), Rozic, Vidaic, Basic; Rezo, Patikas (Caleta 86), Odzakov, Clinch; Dragicevic, Arnold.

REFEREE: G. Power. CROWD: 5,024.



JOHN BRADLEY: set up second goal.



ROUND 11:

NEWCASTLE ROSEBUD UNITED 1 (McQuarrie) PENRITH CITY 1 (Owens og) at Adamstown Oval. Crowd: 1,900. APIA LEICHHARDT 1 (Butler) SYDNEY CROATIA 3 (Clinch, Rowden og, Patikas) at Lambert Park. Crowd: 5,029.

CANBERRA CITY OLYMPIANS 1 (Sermanni) SYDNEY CITY 3 (Lee, Farina, Kosmina) at Bruce Stadium. Crowd: 1,123.

BLACKTOWN CITY 3 (O'Connor 2, McKie) WOLLONGONG CITY 0 at Gabbie Stadium. Crowd: 825.

MARCONI 0 SYDNEY OLYMPIC 0 at Marconi Stadium. Crowd: 2,434.

ST GEORGE 1 (Morgan) INTER MONARO 1 (Walsh) at St George Stadium. Crowd: 1,016.

TOP SCORERS

8 — Jankovics (M), Patikas (S. Cro)
7 — Arnold (S. Cro)
6 — Farina (S. City)
5 — Colagiuri (AL), Brown (M)

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Sydney Croatia	10	7	2	1	26	11	16
Sydney City	10	7	1	2	22	11	15
Marconi	10	5	4	1	23	14	14
Blacktown City	11	6	2	3	19	10	14
Canberra City	11	4	4	3	17	15	12
Penrith City	10	3	3	4	12	12	9
Apia Leichhardt	10	4	1	5	15	17	9
Sydney Olympic	11	4	1	6	8	15	9
St George	10	2	4	4	8	9	8
Newcastle Rosebud	10	2	4	4	11	18	8
Inter Monaro	11	2	1	8	14	27	5
Wollongong City	10	2	1	7	13	29	5



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SUPPORTERS MOVING TRIBUTE

BY CON NIKOLOPOULOS

THREE thousand supporters paid tribute to the late Julie McGachey, wife of West Adelaide's coach Neil McGachey, who died tragically last week.

The spectators observed respectfully a minute's silence while the tragedy-stricken coach acknowledged their tribute with a heartbreaking nod.

Neil McGachey escorted his team to Melbourne for yesterday's game which produced yet another disappointment for the South Australian side.

Highly-ranked South Melbourne disposed of their weak opponents with a second half attacking spree which produced three goals, to record a 4-2 win.

After a boring first half which produced South Melbourne's first goal five minutes before the break from Carl Halford, South Melbourne broke loose and doubled the

margin in the 49th minute when Kenny Murphy blasted the ball home from 30 metres.

West Adelaide revived their hopes of equalising in the 59th minute when Price pulled one back from the penalty spot.

But South Melbourne were quick to dispel any fears of their worried supporters with a third goal in the 70th minute from Oscar Crino.

Eight minutes before full-time Murphy scored his second goal.

Graham Honeyman netted West Adelaide's second goal making the final scoreline 4-2.

Brunswick Juventus stretched their unbeaten record to 10 matches with a 5-4 win over Brisbane City.

Juve retained their top spot in the Southern Division of the NSL and strengthened their bid for the championship.

A hat-trick by Joe Sweeney and a goal each from Mike Petersen and Paul Wade gave Brunswick Juventus their most spectacular win.

Brisbane City's Bobby Hamilton scored twice and Lee Scriggins and Steve Glockner scored a goal each to save the reputation of their team.

After the game, re-joining Brunswick Juventus players credited their great win to goalkeeper Yakka Banovic who got married over the weekend.

Preston sank deeper into trouble following their 1-0 loss to Green Gully at Connor Reserve.

The win was sweet revenge for Gully's colourful forward Claude Lucchesi, who was released by Preston at the beginning of the season.

Lucchesi netted after eight minutes and Preston failed to score the elusive equaliser, thus succumbing to their average opponents.

Sunshine George Cross recorded an unexpected 2-1 win over Footscray to improve their standing on the table.

Footscray went in the lead after five minutes through Vlatko Belic but an own goal by team-mate Suleiman Curovic put George Cross on level terms.

George Cross killed the game in the 31st minute when Roger Bain netted the winner.

TOM McKAIN reports from Adelaide that Heidelberg arrived at Olympic Sports Field and played as if they were looking for a draw — but went home with two vital points from a

ROUND 11:

BRUNSWICK JUVENTUS 5 (Sweeney 3, Petersen, Wade) BRISBANE CITY 4 (Hamilton 2, Scriggins, Glockner) at Olympic Park. Crowd: 1,243.

SUNSHINE GEORGE CROSS 2 (Curovic og, Bain) FOOTSCRAY 1 (Belic) at Chaplin Reserve. Crowd: 2,000.

SOUTH MELBOURNE 4 (Murphy 2, Halford, Crino) WEST ADELAIDE 2 (Price, Honeyman) at Middle Park. Crowd: 3,000.

PRESTON 0 GREEN GULLY 1 (Lucchesi) at Connor Reserve. Crowd: 1,000.

ADELAIDE CITY 0 HEIDELBERG UNITED 1 (Stevenson) at Olympic Sports Field. Crowd: 2,400.

BRISBANE LIONS 0 MELBOURNE CROATIA 1 (Ward) at Richlands. Crowd: 1,579.

TOP SCORERS

9 — Egan (SM)
7 — Stevenson (H)
5 — Reis (BC), Lewis (GG), Ward (MC), Smith (P), Cole (P), Latif (SGC), Price (WA)

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Brunswick Juve	11	6	4	1	18	11	16
Melbourne Croatia	11	6	3	2	14	5	15
South Melbourne	11	6	3	2	20	14	15
Heidelberg	11	6	2	3	17	9	14
Brisbane Lions	11	4	3	4	7	8	11
Brisbane City	11	4	2	5	17	18	10
Green Gully	11	3	4	4	11	12	10
Preston	11	4	2	5	15	17	10
Sunshine GC	11	3	4	4	9	11	10
West Adelaide	11	3	3	5	13	16	9
Adelaide City	11	2	4	5	13	20	8
Footscray	11	2	0	9	10	23	4

1-0 win.

And they can thank Stuart Stevenson.

Not only did he score the goal with an individual burst before tucking it past the onrushing goalkeeper Willie McNally in the 75th minute, but he caused havoc in the home defence as he repeatedly took on the back-four.

For City it was not all a lost cause — Adrian Santrac hit the bar with a brilliant free-kick, striker Peter Rankin had the ball

taken off his foot by Heidelberg goalkeeper Jeff Oliver, while central striker Joe Mullen connected three times with his head from cross-balls but none was on target.

The visitors had the luxury of leaving two class players on the bench in Scott Patterson and Steve Winn.

The former was sent on for John Metaxas from the start of the second half and, while he did not score, was always a threat on and off the ball.

LIONS MUST TIGHTEN DEFENCE

BRISBANE LIONS..... 0 MELB CROATIA..... 1

A RESHUFFLING of the Brisbane Lions defence looks likely after the side again threw away valuable points in a 1-0 loss to Melbourne Croatia at Richlands.

BY GREG RUSSELL

Croatia's 40th minute winner came when the Lions defence failed to block a Steve Gojevic run down the left.

Gojevic got to the byline then the Lions defence left Gary Ward unmarked inside the six-yard box to slot home his shot.

Lions went into the match without stopper Alan Hunter who was suspended and the central defence combination of Rod Vasquez and Tony Redmond failed to click.

Although Alan Niven was having a blinder at left-back, the Lions defence always looked fragile and after the game coach Gordon Arrowsmith said he almost certainly would switch right-back Steve Jackson to sweeper to play behind Hunter.

"I think that is our best combination and

it is something I will have to look at," he said.

Arrowsmith will have several weeks to think about it as Lions' derby with Brisbane City this weekend has been postponed to July 28 because of the Queensland tour to Fiji.

Lions have 10 players in the 16-man squad.

The match against Croatia, which was watched by NSL executive director Stefan Kamasz, was an entertaining affair but Lions must begin to get results soon if they hope to reach the semi-finals again this season.

Luck seems to have deserted the Brisbane side. What appeared to be a legitimate 31st minute goal from Danny Wright was ruled

offside

But full marks to Croatia. The side came to Brisbane looking for both points and thanks to some dogged midfield work from Tommy Cumming, some enthusiastic attacking from Steve Gojevic, sound defence from George Hannah and fine goalkeeping from Mirko Runje, they were rewarded.

Man of the match: Croatia midfielder TOMMY CUMMING whose direction kept his team on the attack despite constant pressure from Lions.

BRISBANE LIONS: Evans, Jackson, T. Redmond, Vasquez (Bassingthwaite 79), Niven, R. Stewart, J. Stewart, Ogden, Wright, Daunt, P. Redmond.

CROATIA: Runje, Campbell, Parton, Markovac, Hannah, Antolovic, Deankovic, Curcio, Gojevic, Ward, Cumming. REFEREE: A. Kibbler. CROWD: 1,579.

McGACHEY TO STAY DESPITE TRAGEDY

BY TOM McKAIN

NEIL McGACHEY is expected to continue as coach of West Adelaide.

President Frank Karagiannis announced this at the weekend, following the tragic death of McGachey's wife and their three children earlier in the week.

"Neil has told us he wishes to remain involved in the game, and we certainly want him to stay with us," said Mr Karagiannis.

"Our supporters and players want to help him as much as they can and I am sure we can carry him through this crisis."

"Apart from his work Neil has little else left but his soccer."

Mr Karagiannis said that if McGachey changed his mind later, the club would go along with his wishes.

"We feel being involved and keeping active is the best way for him to get over his loss, but the final decision is his," he said.

"We will take things as they come and hopefully Neil will get back into a routine which will be as normal as can be expected under the circumstances."

McGachey's assistant and former team-mate Nick Pantelis, reserve team coach Peter Kouzios and captain Graham Honeyman shared the training sessions last week, but McGachey sat in on the team selection for yesterday's match against South Melbourne.

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MONARO NOT EASY FOR CANBERRA

CANBERRA CITY OLYMPIANS will have to have their wits about them next Sunday when they face neighbours Inter Monaro.

Monaro were most lucky to escape a thrashing yesterday from St George in the first half, mainly due to some atrocious finishing by Saints' strikers.

But in the second half, led magnificently by veteran left-back Harry Williams, making a glorious comeback to NSL, Monaro fought back strongly for the Saints to be lucky in the end to grab a point.

Monaro played without Ricky Budini who should be back in the midfield for the Canberra clash to aid Billy Willox and Atti Carbone.

Canberra City Olympians, after going down 3-1 to the visiting Sydney City, should have solid centre-back Peter Burke back in the side, allowing Terry Byrne to push up into the

midfield to add power and direction.

Canberra dropped both points against Sydney City when goals went begging for the home side.

Canberra must collect both points on Sunday to keep Roy Thomson's lads within striking distance of the leaders.

Anthony Franken, Canberra's and Australia's outstanding goalkeeper, will be out to prove to national coach Frank Arok that he erred in leaving him out of the Australian squad announced this morning.

— JOHN ECONOMOS

OFFER IS TOPS

SAMPDORIA will seemingly have Englishman Trevor Francis in their side again next season.

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PLANNING SHOULD NOT GO ASTRAY

IN three months time, the Young Socceroos will leave for the Soviet Union for Australia's third tilt at the World Youth Championship Final series.

Australia will play the USSR, Nigeria and Canada in what has been described as a dream draw.

The Young Socceroos qualified with well-earned victories over New Zealand and Israel, but critics have unceasingly called for new players to be brought into the squad.

The youngsters went into the Oceania qualifying series fully aware that there are players not selected by Youth coach Jimmy Shoulder breathing down their necks.

Shoulder has continually been criticised for selecting several players from his Australian Institute of Sport squad, playing in the NSL Youth League, ahead of players appearing regularly in the NSL itself.

Quite naturally the latter players receive far more publicity than the AIS players. And Shoulder has steadfastly refused to select players simply because of media pressure.

He will not make wholesale changes.

As he says, the team achieved a 100 per cent record in the qualifying series and showed they have the character to come from behind to win vital matches.

Shoulder attended the recent National Under 18 Championships at Parklea, from which will emerge the players who will spearhead our next WYC campaign in 1987.

He explained that he has been watching these players through the U15 and U16 championships. He will see them again next year at U19 level.

It has often been said that not enough planning goes into our soccer to provide a flow-on that will not just happen once, but will continue for years into the future.

Shoulder is assisting that flow-on through his diligent work with the AIS and the national Youth team.

He has stood by the players he has selected for the 1985 WYC campaign through years of analysis of their ability... Instead of waiting for them to be "discovered" by the press at 18 or 19.

He and his team deserve the support of the Australian public and, more importantly, the media for their Russian campaign.



CHIT CHAT

WHEN the Socceroos reported at Camperdown Travelodge for squad training camp, **OSCAR CRINO** of South Melbourne recognised a member of the hotel staff and had a chat with him.

Oscar's friend was **CRAIG McLATCHIEY**, Travelodge sporting co-ordinator, who did a magnificent job attending to the needs of the **KEVIN KEEGAN** family recently.

Crino and McLatchiey were members of the Australian 1981 World Youth Championship squad.

WALLY SAVOR, who advanced into the Socceroo squad for the tour to China and Europe, has been sitting it out with cartilage and ligament damage.

He is on the way back and could be available for selection next week.



MANFRED SCHAEFER has a sense of humour and he needs it when he deals with the Sydney Olympic fans.

Even last year, when Schaefer was guiding Olympic to glory, some supporters insisted he was not the right man to coach the side.

This year, after a losing run, the fans are even more critical.

We don't think they'll give Schaefer many sleepless nights.

When a press man phoned last week for team news, Manfred said: "Did you ring to ask if I'm still coach?"



NATIONAL Youth coach **JIMMY SHOULDER** must be more than a little anxious to see three of his World Youth Championship defenders back in action.

AKI KOTZAMICHALIS, who was injured prior to the WYC qualifying series in February, should be ready to resume playing with Melbourne Croatia in a couple of weeks.

"Big Aki" would have been first-choice stopper in the internationals. Instead the spot was shared between **ALEX TOBIN** (Adelaide City) and **JOHN GREGSON** (Parramatta Melita Eagles), who have also been sitting on the sidelines with injuries in recent weeks.

Australia's other central defender, captain **ANDREW BERNAL**, is currently in Spain trialling with Sporting Gijon.

IT was generally agreed that the Sydney City v St George match was a real stinker, with both teams performing far below their best.

But that was not the worst football Saints coach **FRANK AROK** has seen this season.

Arok said the first half of the Wales v Spain World Cup elimination match in Wrexham was just as bad — perhaps worse.



AKI KOTZAMICHALIS: set to return.

QUEENSLAND keeper **KIM WISHART** was captain when Brisbane City downed South Melbourne 2-1.

Wishart was given the job after regular skipper **MIKE MILOVANOVIC** was suspended and ahead of two former team captains, **FRANK PIMBLETT** and **BILLY WILKINSON**.

One wonders how many other keepers have captained their side in the NSL?



ADELAIDE CITY won't be getting **JUSTIN FASHANU** as a guest player — nor will any other NSL club.

The English striker agreed to guest for City again and at bargain rates — then dropped a bombshell.

While talking terms on the phone with City president, **CHARLIE CARUSO**, Fashanu said: "Just a minute. Do you still play on Sunday?"

Mr Caruso said yes, then Fashanu floored him.

"Then I'm afraid I'm out. Since I last saw you I am into religion and can't play on Sundays."

"When Notts County had Sunday games I didn't play, and it will be the same when I join another club. Sorry."



QUEENSLAND'S Young Socceroo **RICHARD BASSINGTHWAIGHTE** just can't take a trick when it comes to consolidating a place in the Brisbane Lions NSL team.

A month ago when Lions coach **GORDON ARROW-SMITH** was going to give the youngster a first-up jersey, there was a mix-up over training night and "Bass" went away believing he only had to report on Monday for the reserves match.

Then a week ago when he was named in the Lions NSL team ahead of **RUSSELL STEWART**, Bassingthwaight was stricken with flu and had to pull out at the last minute.

ILIYA TAKACS denied there was any "battle" between himself and the Rockdale Ilinden committee following his resignation as coach recently.

Takacs refuted suggestions made by club secretary **SIMON SERBINOVSKI**, who stated that he believed Takacs wanted "to win some sort of personal battle with the board."

"There was no battle between myself and the board," Takacs said.

"I never said I wanted to take all the credit for Rockdale's success. I don't think a coach can succeed without good management and good players."



MARCONI's young left-back **JOE RIZZOTTO** is up to his old tricks again.

Joe recently recovered from injury and played in the Marconi youth team against Penrith City.

However, he lost his cool after being fouled and was shown the red card.

Rizzotto, who played for the Australian 'B' team in last year's World Soccer Series, has often been regarded as a player with a big future, but his impetuosity threatens to hold him back.



ASW sends a "get well soon" message to **ANDREW LEDERER**, who was rushed into St Vincent's Hospital in Sydney with a suspected heart complaint.

When we spoke to Andrew in hospital, he said he was "coming along very well."

"But these places are not for me," said Andrew, manager of Australia's national squad. "I'm much happier with my feet on green grass."



THE 1985 season has been a total disaster for young Penrith City defender or midfielder **DAVID HALE**.

The left-footer badly injured his knee in the pre-season Ampol Cup. He returned to football in the Panthers' youth team last week but injured the knee again.

Hale has since undergone surgery and has little chance of resuming his career before 1986.



HAPPIER times for Iliya Takacs after Rockdale's NSW Grand Final win last season.

BRISBANE CITY have rejected outright Canberra's \$10,000 transfer fee on **STEVE HOGG**, but instead will ask for a season loan.

Hogg is back in Queensland after spending five months sailing the South Pacific.



IT was a real soccer wedding when Marconi goalkeeper **BRUCE JAMES** was married recently.

The new bride is **SANDY**, the sister of Blacktown City defender **ROBBIE WHEATLEY**.

Bruce and Robbie used to be teammates at the Gabbie.



THE big Udinese night at the Apia Club has been brought forward to May 30.

The night will be a joint promotion by Sydney's two Italian-supported NSL clubs, Apia Leichhardt and Marconi, with visiting Italian club Udinese as special guests.



DARE we say it?

Since he got his regular place back as West Adelaide's goalkeeper following **GARY SPROUL**'s knee operation, former Socceroo **MARTYN CROOK** is improving with every game.

A few more, and he might just do enough to impress national boss **FRANK AROK**.



THE National League ruling on loan arrangements appears to have cost young Brisbane defender **MICHAEL CERNAKA** the opportunity to play for Sydney Olympic.

The stopper, who was in the Queensland squad for the interstate match in April, was told he could not play for Sydney Olympic unless he went on a full season loan, not the one-month loan he had applied for.

Cernaka felt he could not take the risk of going to Sydney for a full year without any guarantees and opted to return to his Brisbane club Olympic United.



A FAMILIAR face has begun reappearing at soccer games around Brisbane.

It is that of former Brisbane Lions and City NSL coach **JOE GILROY**, who has been seen at a few Premier League games.

He is yet to be spotted at an NSL match but is the bug biting again?

Readers Forum

FACILITIES WERE APPALLING

DUE to the recent weather and all amateur soccer games being cancelled, I was able to attend an NSL game. Being a soccer fanatic it was a natural choice to go to a double-header.

What a disgrace! For a promotion on this scale the facilities were appalling. There were 15,000 fans in the ground (which was 14,000 more than the ground could cater for). Another 1,000 fans were locked outside the gates. People tried to climb fences to get in, extra police called in to control the confusion. Children could not see and there was one toilet to add to the discomfort of the crowd.

Promotions of this nature should be held at grounds which can accommodate the soccer fans of this country. No wonder the public do not attend the soccer when they are not catered for. Soccer just took one giant backward step.

As far as the NSL and promotion of soccer in this country is concerned, they should hand the reins over to someone else. I have just been to my first and last NSL game.

MR C. MILLS,
Belmore, NSW.

EDITOR'S NOTE: Unfortunately it is only on rare occasions that soccer grounds in Australia cannot cope with such a large number of supporters. It is

a shame there is not a sporting facility in the populous western suburbs of Sydney to cater for big matches like the recent Blacktown City v Sydney Croatia fixture.

A MARVELLOUS AMBASSADOR

I ATTENDED the recent Blacktown City v Canberra City game and felt that I must express my delight at the performance given by both teams committed to entertainment.

The presence of Kevin Keegan obviously lifted the game, but I was just one of many impressed by the Canberra City forward-line, particularly the performance of young Manis Lamond, surely a player of the future.

Blacktown City are to be congratulated on their efforts in ensuring that "the show went on" and that people were not disappointed by the postponement of the Keegan game.

I was one of many who attended the Blacktown City Club after the game and was more than impressed with the attitude of the players to youngsters. All autograph requests were actioned and Kevin Keegan must surely still be suffering from writer's cramp. No autograph request was refused and he posed for many photographs with children, something they will surely remember forever. A marvellous ambassador for the game.

Apart from the result, the only disappointment I had was in the inconsistent

referee display. Surely a game as significant as this deserved a top official.

P. PASSANT,
Winston Hills, NSW.

EDITOR'S NOTE: Perhaps it is time for the NSL to have a rating system to determine the most important games and to appoint the best available referees to those games.

GREAT SERVICE TO PUBLIC

I WOULD like to let you know just how much I enjoyed the game between Blacktown City and Croatia.

I don't go to too many first-class soccer matches as I am primarily a rugby league supporter, but I went to this one due to my son playing soccer and also out of interest to see the world's classiest player, namely Kevin Keegan.

I must say I thoroughly enjoyed the game. It opened my eyes to the skills that Keegan has. The atmosphere at the ground before and during the main game reminded me of the feeling I had when my son and I went to watch Parramatta and Newtown in the rugby league grand final a few years ago.

I honestly think Blacktown did a great service to the soccer public, especially all the juniors that went to the game to see KK, and I am sure that a spin-off will result from that game.

A.R. OSTROWSKI,
Cranebrook, NSW.

EDITOR'S NOTE: Blacktown City have two consecutive home games to see if there will be a spin-off as far as their crowds are concerned: against Wollongong yesterday and against Sydney City next Sunday.

BOURKE GAINS EXPERIENCE

I MUST congratulate Blacktown City on their excellent promotion with Kevin Keegan, finishing with

a spectacular game against Sydney Croatia.

With promotions of this standard, spectators can't lose and football can only go on to greater heights.

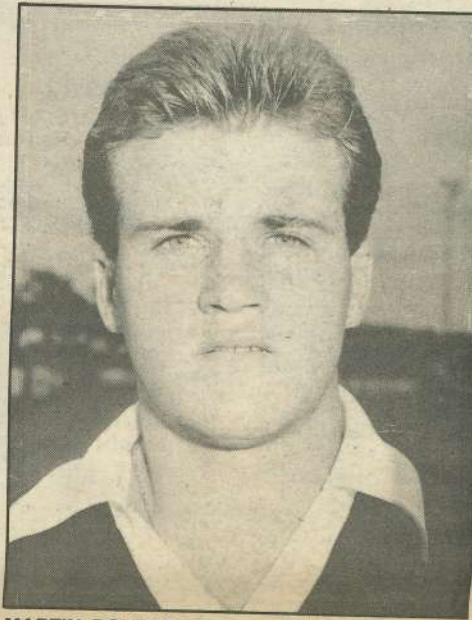
I hope that Jim Shoulder was at the game or had someone watching. Martin Bourke from Blacktown City played another spectacular game for one so young. Shoulder might ask Peter Katholos, Robbie Slater, Manis Lamond and Jim Patikas about the quality of this Blacktown defender.

If he can handle these top NSL strikers, I'm sure he would handle any Russian attack if given the opportunity. The tough grind of NSL football has matured this young man's ability, which only experience can bring.

Keep an open mind on your final selection Jim Shoulder, experience in Russia will be essential.

FOOTBALL FAN,
GERARD SALKELD,
Baulkham Hills, NSW.

EDITOR'S NOTE: National Youth coach Shoulder is watching Bourke's form closely. He is a versatile youngster who displays great commitment.



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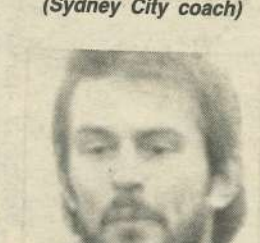
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RYLANDS RECALLS 'GREAT DAYS'

BY ANDREW PASCHALIDIS

PLAYING in an FA Cup tie is every player's dream and the recent visit of Kevin Keegan as Blacktown City's guest player certainly stirred one player's memory.

Former St George defender Dave Rylands may not be in the NSL limelight at the moment but he's certainly enjoyed the rewards of playing for one of the world's greatest clubs.

Rylands enjoyed a relatively successful seven-year stint with Liverpool.

Signed as a 15-year-old apprentice after leaving school, Rylands had the rare opportunity of playing with some of England's greatest players.

"I had a great time at Liverpool. Nothing beat's being a full-time player," Rylands said.

"One player who stood out like a beacon as soon as he joined the club was Kevin Keegan.

"He was down to earth and had plenty of time for everyone.

"On the field he did the unconventional things which Liverpool never taught its players.

"When he made it in the First Division side, many of the opposing defenders couldn't cope with the different

approach to the attacking part of the game," Rylands added.

STARS

But what of some of the other great stars Rylands played and trained with during his time with the club from 1968 to 1974?

"It was a golden era for Liverpool. It was an unbelievable feeling when you mingled with guys like Jimmy Case, Phil Thompson, Colin Irwin, Roy Evans, Ian St John, Peter Thompson, Emyln Hughes, Ray Clemence and of course Keegan.

"When I joined the club, I started playing in the youth sides and then was promoted to the reserves at 16.

"Many of the players were either in the reserves or had cemented their places in the first team."

Rylands spent most of his time at Liverpool in the reserves and was coached by current Liverpool manager Joe Fagan.

"Fagan was really good with the kids," Rylands said.

"When I played in the Central League, which was the reserve team competition, Liverpool won it four



DAVE RYLANDS (left) is pictured above standing at left in this Liverpool team photo from the early 1970s. Keegan is in the back row.



years in a row under Fagan."

LEVELLER

Rylands had his greatest moment in soccer during the 1973-74 season.

"I'd spent a few games on the bench during a few of the European and UEFA Cup games and I was getting close to first team selection.

"I played in a FA Cup tie against Newcastle, which we won 3-0, and then I had the opportunity of linking up with Keegan in a FA Cup

third round match against Doncaster.

"We were first in the League and they were at the bottom of the Fourth Division. It was a great leveller.

"We drew 2-2 at Anfield before a crowd of 38,000 and KK scored both goals.

"We didn't have any trouble beating them in the replay," Rylands added.

Disaster struck Rylands midway through the 1974-75 season he was sold to Hereford for 20,000 pounds.

"Bob Paisley took over that season and

offered me a new contract at the same time as the Hereford bid.

"They offered me 5,000 pounds sign-on and wages and, with my imminent marriage and the difficulty of trying to get in the Liverpool first team, I decided to make a move."

FIERCE

But that move could have cost Rylands the chance to claim a regular first team berth.

The competition was fierce for the central defensive positions. Phil Thompson, who Rylands played with the reserve team, broke a cartilage a couple of weeks after he joined Hereford.

"That was typical of my luck," Rylands said.

"When Shanks was in charge he wouldn't let any of the young players go but when Paisley took over he released about three or four.

"That stopped when a couple of the players starred for other teams.

"I should have gone on loan to Hereford. Paisley said I would have taken Thompson's place in the first team.

"That would have given me a few weeks to consolidate a spot in the top grade," Rylands said.

After Hereford, Rylands joined Halifax and later the Oakland Stumpers in the North American Soccer League and then decided to make the move to Australia after being spotted by St George official Emery Nagy.

DROPPED

Rylands joined the club and played centre-back during St George's successful but brief stint in the NSW State League in 1981.

The following year,

St George were back in the NSL but Rylands was dropped from the side in favour of new signings such as current Socceroo trio, Mike and John O'Shea and David Ratcliffe.

In 1983 Rylands was transfer-listed for the exorbitant amount of \$15,000 and this was reduced to \$10,000 the following year.

Rylands ended up playing for NSW State League club Warringah Narrabeen on loan for half of the 1984 season and this year he has been given a free-transfer by St George.

"There's a huge difference between the time I spent in England and the period I've spent in Australia," he said.

"It was disappointing having such a huge transfer fee on my head and not being able to try and play for another NSL club."

MARCONI TO HIT THE TOP

MARCONI have a wonderful opportunity to nail Sydney Croatia in joint leadership of the NSL Northern Division when the two clash at Marconi Stadium next Sunday.

Sydney Croatia grabbed both points yesterday against Apia at Lambert Park and will be out to duplicate the situation as well as celebrate the Australian selection of their midfield duo, Jimmy Patikas and Zarko Odzakovic, for the coming International Series.

Despite the numerous injuries Marconi have suffered early in the season, they have steadily and quietly collected points left and right to be sitting comfortably in third place, just two points adrift from Croatia.

Marconi's strike-line of David Lowe, Rod Brown and Mark Jankovics have rattled in 23 goals to be second-highest goalscorers in the League.

Rod Brown will have to be at his brilliant best to penetrate Croatia's back-fence of Kovacic, Vidaic, Rozic and Basic.

Brown as well be out to justify his selection today in the Australian squad.

A big crowd is expected for this local derby at Marconi Stadium.

— JOHN ECONOMOS



KEVIN KEEGAN in action for Blacktown City last month.



ROD BROWN

CROATIA SWITCH WORKS WONDERS FOR JIM

"I'll never leave Sydney Croatia while Vedran Rozic is coach."

Dedicated words from someone so young as Croatia's Jimmy Patikas.

The 21-year-old attacking midfielder — cum — striker has been in dynamic early season form.

As well as scoring seven goals from the first nine NSL matches, Patikas also netted twice in the NSW v Queensland annual fixture and three times in the NSL Cup.

"Vedran has been just great," Patikas remarked.

"He's given me a free hand to play my own game. I'm very grateful for that."

DIFFERENT

And what of his new team-mates?

"The guys are really great," he said.

"They are giving me a lot of ball. It was different at Olympic."

"We have a really good side. Just look at the line-up on paper."

One major reason for Patikas' resurgence as one of Australia's best attacking players has been the loss of his job earlier this year!



PROFILE BY

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PASCHALIDIS

lia's best attacking players has been the loss of his job earlier this year!

"You wouldn't think losing a job is a great thing but it's the only thing you can do if you want to represent your country," said Patikas, who is in the Australian squad for the internationals against Udinese, Tottenham and Vasco Da Gama.

"It was the only thing to do if I wanted to get back into the national team."

"You have to be a full-time player if you want to play for your country."

"With so many training camps and all the rest of it, how

can you hold down a full-time job with any company?" Patikas questioned.

Patikas stunned soccer followers at the start of the season when he transferred to Croatia from Sydney Olympic for \$25,000.

"I must admit it was a big gamble when they bought me," Patikas said.

"Spending so much money on one player in Australia hardly ever happens."

"I'm glad things are going well for me and Croatia. They've given me a new lease of life."

"I don't think I've had such a good start to any season except for when I joined Sydney Olympic in 1983."

During his first few matches at Olympic, he certainly showed why he won Youth Soccer selection in 1981 for the home series against the world's best.

'HARD'

"I left Sydney City after spending a great deal of time being criticised by the Greek supporters."

"It was hard leaving the Slickers. I owe



Eddie Thomson a pic but I'm glad they've worked out great deal.

"Things started to fall to pieces at Olympic but I'm glad they've worked out better at Croatia," Patikas concluded.

ABOVE: JIM PATIKAS (left) fights to win the ball for Sydney Croatia against his former Sydney Olympic team-mate, Peter Raskopoulos.



VEDRAN ROZIC: 'just great'.



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NOW CROATIA ARE A FORCE

THE emergence of Sydney Croatia as a force in the Northern Division of the National League is long overdue.

Croatia, like Sydney Olympic, are a club that have poured an enormous amount of money into their soccer without too much to show for it.

They were very unfairly locked out of the original National League, because of their name, and with their wealth subsequently dominated the NSW State League.

Last year on their entry into the National League, they damaged both themselves and the name of soccer with the farcical number of coaches they employed following the sacking of Atti Abonyi after only a few games.

This time last year,

Croatia were bottom of the League. Now they are top.

TALENT

Sydney Croatia have assembled a fine array of talent in their current side.

Zarko Odzakov, Jim Patikas and Vedran Rozic are fine additions to support other gifted players like Graham Arnold, Walby Savor, Bruno Vidaic and Zeljko Jurin.

The highly intelligent and creative midfielder, Marijan Kovacic, also still sparkles amid this group of stars.

I have never seen him play, yet from match reports I surmise that Odzakov is without a midfield peer in this country.

Two years ago, on arrival from overseas,



BY **MIKE JOHNSON**

he had a good first season in Melbourne.

Last year, for some reason, of which might have been complacency, he did not shine.

However, his move to Sydney to play in front of the large, vocal and demanding Croatian crowd seems to have brought him back to form.

PITY

Rozic certainly can match Odzakov's playing experience.

A successful Sydney Croatia and Sydney Olympic are good for the gates and it is a pity Olympic have

been hit with injury problems following their success of last year.

With the fall-off of licenced clubs, which have held up teams such as St George and Sydney City for so long, coinciding with sponsorships being harder to get, the well-supported teams are now coming into their own.

This is the reason for the upsurge of Croatia and Olympic in the Northern Division and the continued dominance of South Melbourne in the Southern Division.

The clubs with spec-

tator power have this money.

Rozic should not have too much trouble keeping his fine bunch of players around the top of the table.

Frank Arok, on the other hand, has a much bigger problem at St George.

The type of players assembled at Croatia have sufficient skill to produce an attractive game of soccer.

It will be a plus for the Northern Division if, while setting the pace, Croatia can also set the standard for style and skill.

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SBS sports presenter Les Murray will host the telecast brought in direct via satellite from Madrid, Spain, where crack side Real Madrid await the visiting Hungarians from Videoton.

Videoton lost the first leg 3-0 at Szekesfehervar, Hungary, where Real's goals reeled in from Miguel, Santillana and Juanito to complete the wipe-out.

Despite Spanish rivals Barcelona grabbing all the glamour and glory this season under Terry Venables, Real are set to salvage something for their domestic market and fans.

This second leg clash will be played at the giant Bernabeu Stadium where Real Madrid's German World Cup sweeper Uli Stielike could be playing his last match for the world-famous Spanish club.

Stielike is known to want to return back to Germany to end his playing career there.

Meanwhile, the Hungarians will be looking for a ray of hope through their ace-striker, Gyoso Burcsa.

Burcsa almost scored in the first leg but his effort was denied by the woodwork late in the second half.

SBS will follow up this telecast on Thursday week, when they screen the big one — the 1985 European Cup Final between Italy's Juventus and the mighty Reds from England, Liverpool.

Liverpool could be without their ace centre-back Mark Lawrenson, who dislocated his collarbone two weeks ago in an English midweek match.

Australia's Craig Johnston will be travelling with Liverpool's squad to Brussels, Belgium, before getting ready to fly back to Australia for a four-week holiday with his Australian wife Jenny and their baby daughter Chelsea.

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Black swans return may be an omen

BY NEIL JAMESON

THE black swans that gave Swansea its name have returned to the Lake Macquarie town and at the local senior soccer club it is seen as a positive omen for 1985.

The impression around Northern NSW is that this year could see the return of Belmont-Swansea (affectionately called the Belswans) as a soccer power.

The first settlers in this coal-mining area thought the local black swans such good eating that they soon killed them all off. But in recent seasons colonies of the graceful black birds have reappeared in the area.

It hasn't been that long since Belmont-Swansea soared to premiership heights but this season could see a revival of the glory days of the 1960s.

SECOND

Under coach Greg Smith, the Belswans won the Northern pre-season competition and last week were running second in the premiership behind pacesetters Adamstown.

Neil Harrower was the club's leading scorer last season and, whether netting goals himself or setting them up for others, he is proving a useful target-man.

Smith is one of a band of recently or near-retired senior players who are putting much back into the game in the Newcastle area.

At West Wallsend, Trevor Smyth has shaken off a bad knee injury incurred in pre-season to saddle up for what he says will be his last season.

The evergreen defender-cum-midfielder has had almost 17 successive seasons of senior soccer with clubs such as Adamstown, Western Suburbs (Sydney) and

Newcastle KB United.

Newcastle Austral and Ossie Bellamy, the man who worked wonders in coaching the side to win promotion back to the First Division, have parted company.

His place has been taken by caretaker-coach and former Austral great, Bruce Morrow.

USEFUL

Ex-Newcastle KB United players Roy Drinkwater and Bob Mountford are proving useful in their respective capacities for Northern clubs.

Mountford is scoring goals for Lake Macquarie while his ex-NSL team-mate Drinkwater is playing with Austral and getting forward often enough to notch the odd goal.

The talk around Newcastle clubs is about Sydney Olympic's desperate scouting forays to make bargain signings.

Sydney clubs have long plundered the North's talent pool for cheap NSL stars (Soper, Phillips, Caban, etc) so there was no great surprise when Olympic, on the recommendation of Marshall Soper, approached Cardiff's capable defender Andy Stankovic.

The centre-back, who was once on KB United's books and figured prominently in Cardiff's championship run last season, cautiously informed Olympic that he would only be interested in a loan situation for the time being.

While in the North, Olympic also put out feelers for Lake Macquarie's talented midfielder Steve Bajzath.

FIFA WILL WATCH QUEENSLAND TOUR

THE eyes of FIFA, soccer's world governing body, are likely to watch over Queensland's tour of Fiji which stars this week.

This follows trouble on the island paradise when the New Zealand national team played there last year.

Fiji and New Zealand played two games and in the first, a 1-1 draw, a wild melee broke out.

Several New Zealanders were left injured on the ground when order was restored.

The matter was reported to FIFA and the Oceania Confederation and was investigated by the FIFA boss Dr Joao Havelange during his recent visit to Oceania.

RAISED

The matter was raised by Oceania Confederation and NZ Soccer Federation president Charles Dempsey in the recently published OFC Bulletin.

"It is of course necessary to ensure that this type of thing does not happen in the future," he said.

Queensland Soccer Federation officials were briefed on the matter some time ago.

A special meeting was held at Perry Park, Queensland soccer's headquarters, last week for the 16 players chosen to make the 10-day three-match tour.

And it was spelt out quite clearly to the players that no behaviour which could spark a repeat of the New Zealand incident would be tolerated.

"We are going to Fiji with one thing in mind, to play good soccer and build for the future," state coach Bruce Stowell said.

Queensland play Fiji in its opening match in the National Stadium in Suva on Wednesday.

CLASH

The two teams clash again two days later, after which Queensland plays top provincial side Lautoka the following Wednesday.

The Queensland party will be accompanied by a high-level QSF delegation, including QSF president and ASF senior vice-president Ian Brusasco and QSF secretary Alan Vessey.

It is the first tour by a full Queensland side in more than a decade.



QUEENSLAND captain Lindsay Dines accepts the U18 championship trophy from national Youth coach Jimmy Shoulder. Dines is one of only two Queensland squad members playing regularly in the Premier League.

GIVE YOUTH 'FAIR GO'

QUEENSLAND coach Bruce Stowell has appealed to Premier League clubs to give his successful Youth team players "a fair go" in the state's top competition.

Queensland won the National Under 18 Championships and Stowell believes every member of his squad is capable of playing in the Premier League or higher.

And he believes it is

necessary that the youngsters have the experience in the higher grades if Queensland hopes to retain the Championship at next year's national Youth titles, from which the next

Youth Soccerroo squad will be selected.

Although Queensland beat teams which included National and State League players, less than half of the squad are regular first-teamers at their clubs.

In fact only Lindsay Dines (North Star) and Damien Butler (Ipswich United) have played Premier League regularly this season.

Dines and his North Star club-mate Jarrod Austin spearheaded Queensland to victory at the Championships at Parklea.

Dines scored six of Queensland's 11 goals while Austin scored four.

It was a tremendous comeback win for the Young Maroons. After training on rock-hard fields in Brisbane, the Queensland side failed to adapt to the slush conditions in their opening match against Northern New South Wales and were beaten 5-2.

But a special training session after the match saw Stowell adjust his team's style of play and the Queenslanders went on to beat Tasmania 4-0, Victoria 3-1 and NSW 2-1 in the final.

Up North

GREG RUSSELL REPORTS FROM BRISBANE

ATMORE SPENDS \$3,000 TO PLAY

FORMER Brisbane Lions NSL midfielder Mark Atmore has signed for Premier League club Ipswich United, but it cost him \$3,000 of his own money to make the move.

Atmore, 25, bought out his own contract with Intermediate League club Sunny-side.

The club had transferred him at \$3,500 — a free no-one seemingly was prepared to pay.

Atmore has signed a two-year contract with the 1984 Grand Final winners and made his debut last week, first as a midfielder and then as a sweeper when Kevin Coleman went off injured.

"Anyone who is willing to pay \$3,000 has got to be serious

about playing," said Atmore, who still hopes to make a return to the National League.

"In two years I will be only 27, hopefully a permanent resident and a free agent, so I should be a much more attractive proposition to an NSL club."

Ipswich United coach Matt Carson, a former Lions NSL coach, welcomed Atmore to the club, which had lost several key players during the off-season.

"We need someone

to help Randall McKean and put their foot on the ball in the middle of the park," he said.

Atmore's signing certainly helped the Ebbw Valers. His pass set up Ron Millman for a goal as Ipswich came back from one down to beat North Star 3-1 and climb from the bottom of the table.

The same weekend, powerful Mount Gravatt, who were also uncharacteristically at the bottom of the table, scored their first win of the season with

a 4-0 drubbing of former leaders Grange Thistle — a result which warned to everyone not to write off the Hawks.

But the side to beat in this year's competition still appears to be Paul Laslo's Lions.

Although they stumbled against North Star a few weeks ago, the Richlands team appears to have all the style and depth to take the title.

At the other end of the table it looks to be a long, hard season for Acacia Ridge and Olympic

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Protests roll in from SA

BY TOM MCKAIN

IT'S protest time in South Australia with complaints aimed at the Australian Soccer Federation and the NSL.

The latter has coped a blast from West Adelaide over its fixture list, which saw them play five of seven games away from home.

Twice they were away from home in succession, back in Adelaide for one game, then away again for two games straight.

"We realise we have to play more away games than the Melbourne clubs, but surely the away fixtures could be spaced out," said West president Frank Karagiannis.

"Nothing can be done this year, but we are hoping the same situation does not arise in 1986."

The criticism of the ASF comes from SA state coaching director Mike Wells, who was also manager-coach of the SA Youth team at the recent National Championships.

He is calling for the SA Soccer Federation to request that the competition reverts to its original rules — semi-finals, then the final.

Queensland, who won the title by defeating NSW, has already made this request in writing to the ASF.

"For some obscure reason, semi-final matches were scrapped," said Wells.

NORTHERN NSW HOPE TO SIGN UP JOHNSTON

LIVERPOOL's transfer-listed star Craig Johnston is almost certain to play in next month's international soccer festival in Australia.

BY NEIL JAMESON

But the twist is he won't be "guesting" with big-paying Italian giants Udinese but is more likely to play for nothing in a Northern NSW state-of-origin team!

Northern director of coaching Ken Kaiser is currently drawing up a list of invitees to play against Vasca Da Gama at Macquarie Field, Speers Point on June 12.

Vasco requested an extra game on the tour and organisers came up with the Northern idea.

POSSIBLES

Kaiser's list reads like a Who's Who of Northern soccer of the past decade and underlines the area's huge contribution to the game in Australia.



CRAIG JOHNSTON: will play for nothing.

Peter Tredinnick, David Lowe, Marshall Soper, Terry Greedy, Gary Phillips, Kerry Caban, Peter Stone, Howard Tredinnick, Graham Jennings, Joe Senkalski and Mike Boogaard are among the names on Kaiser's list of possibles.

With Johnston in the side, it would be a line-up not only capable of giving the Brazilians a run for their money but could conceivably match it with any other national or state selection.

"I'll also be inviting a few guests to participate," said Kaiser.

"Among the players I have in mind are Clint Gosling, Arno Bertogna and Craig Mason, none of whom

learned his soccer in the North, but all have made significant contributions to the game in our area."

While there is some doubt that Frank Arok or the clubs involved will release Australian squad members such as Greedy, Jennings and Soper, Kaiser was optimistic that most clubs would see their way clear to make their players available.

The biggest stumbling block, of course, could be with Johnston.

WELCOME

When ASW phoned him in Liverpool to ask whether he would be available, Johnston didn't hesitate to say that he would welcome the opportunity to represent his "home" state.

"The details will take some ironing out because I'll definitely need permission from Liverpool, who will want to know about insurance and things like that," he said.

"But you can tell Ken Kaiser that if it's humanly possible, I'll be there on the night."

"I'm returning to Australia straight after the European Cup Final, so I'll be home in time for the game."

The prospect of seeing a Northern midfielder that might include Tredinnick, Senkalski and Johnston should whet the appetites of the North's soccer following.

The exodus of players to Sydney and elsewhere is a sore point in Newcastle and the chance of seeing the home-town stars back in action together is already generating a huge amount of excitement.

Players like Johnston, Boogaard and the Tredinnicks are no strangers to each other's company nor Macquarie Field. It was their home pitch when they were all youthful members of Lake Macquarie's squad.

STRENGTHS

Most of the players on Kaiser's list would have played together at Northern Youth level and would have some understanding of each other's strengths and styles.

Among the rabid Northern soccer following, most of who believe that Newcastle is being bypassed in Socceroo considerations, the promotion comes as the brightest news for a long time.

WAR OF WORDS BEGINS

BY ANDREW PASCHALIDIS

SOCCEROO defender Graham Jennings has scoffed at suggestions by New Zealand coach Kevin Fallon that the Australian squad for the coming international series is useless.

Fallon says the Kiwis have nothing to fear when they line up against the Socceroos in World Cup qualifying matches in Auckland on September 21 and Sydney on November 3.

"Marshall Soper, Ken Murphy and Joe Watson are all very good players," says Fallon.

"But there are some rubbish ones in there as well and I don't rate there full-backs."

"Man-for-man our side will be just as good as they are," he added.

FIGHT

Jennings, who has been first-choice left-back since Frank Arok took over the national team, says the Socceroos will prove to be no slouches.

"To be honest, I've never even heard of Fallon," he said.

"I don't think he would know too much about our side. We'll show him whose the best team in Oceania during the World Cup qualifying matches."

"I haven't seen much of New Zealand but they'll sure have a big fight on their hands."

One player who has seen and played in



GRAHAM JENNINGS

both countries recently is former England captain Kevin Keegan.

"The standard in Australia is much more skilful," the former Blacktown City guest player said.

"You seem to have more room to move in the midfield here but in New Zealand they seem to rely more on the physical aspect of the game."

"I think the World Cup qualifying matches will be close ... I wouldn't mind watching it."

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EVERTON SET A GREAT EXAMPLE

THE glorious deeds of the magnificent Everton team are an object lesson to every soccer club throughout the world.

Here is a team that has risen from hard times to become the best in Europe because of a steadfast belief and complete loyalty by club directors in young manager Howard Kendall.

Only 18 months ago Everton squirmed under the awesome shadow of its neighbour Liverpool and were little more than a music hall joke. Attendances then were down to a meagre 12,000 at the palatial Goodison Park.

The long-suffering Everton supporters wanted no more and raised petition after petition to have manager Kendall sacked.

WISDOM

He wasn't doing enough was the cry. He's not even trying to buy his way out of trouble came the roar.

But the board of directors would have none of it.

In their infinite wisdom they realised that miracles in soccer do not happen overnight or even in one or two years and that Kendall needed more time to achieve his objective to make the club great again.

However, to be perfectly honest, in a bid to help their young manager they did offer him an open cheque book when the

situation looked like stagnating.

But Kendall had faith in his own ability and with the young players he had around him.

Sure he went out and bought one or two promising youngsters at very reasonable fees, but only the type of player who fitted in with the ones he had under his control.

His young team wasn't all that bad and he was convinced that only one little piece of the jigsaw puzzle was missing to make it all happen for him.

PATIENCE

After a great deal of searching and patience, this valuable missing piece was found when Wolverhampton Wanderers decided that their Scottish international striker Andy Gray could move on to greener pastures.

Kendall knew that Gray was the man he had been searching for.

This was the missing link that changed the world of football for Everton and made it all happen for Kendall and the board of directors — and satisfied those disgruntled fans.

Now over the space of four heartbreaking years Everton became an overnight success.

They steadfastly refused to panic when times were hard and would not bow to pressure from their

supporters when they wanted the manager sacked.

Their reasoning? When they appointed Howard Kendall in the first place they were certain he had the credentials and the ability to make the club great again.

Unlike the majority of clubs in a similar situation, they stuck by their decision even though early results were not forthcoming.

SACKED

I really hope that every club in Australia will take note of this marvellous Everton fairy tale.

Far too often in our game here, coaches and managers are sacked when results are not forthcoming.

In most instances here, the coach is a whipping boy and is only really in the position to shoulder the blame.

Mind you, in such a situation the coaches have only themselves to blame and leave themselves wide open to this sort of thing.

However, the dedicated and conscientious coaches here need a better go.

I am convinced that clubs in Australia, especially the NSL, should take more time over the appointment of their coaches.

They should give him complete charge to build a team over a three or four-year period, without the

threat of the sack if instant success is not forthcoming.

If this happened our club football would be in a better state today.

By having such a magnificent season, Everton may have revolutionised the game of soccer at a managerial and coaching level.

Of course, this may be hoping for too much.

I for one sincerely hope this is so and that more stability and security is forthcoming in this department.

If this happens, I think I'll be an Everton supporter for as long as I live. Up the Blues.



HOWARD KENDALL: has made Everton great again.

ROSEBUDS MAINTAIN TOP FORM

BY NEIL JAMESON

ADAMSTOWN ROSEBUD maintained their Northern NSW premiership lead with a comfortable 3-0 win over Maitland at Adamstown.

Steve Riddel put Adamstown ahead after 20 minutes before Neville Power dribbled the ball 60 metres for Rosebud's second.

Livewire young striker Robert Virgili stormed through in the 48th minute for the goal that killed off Maitland's hopes.

The scoreline might have been even more decisive had not Maitland goalkeeper Jeff Broadfield produced a fine save to stop Warren Davie's penalty.

Reigning premiers Cardiff, with two goals by Andy Tate, came from behind to beat Highfields 4-2.

Belmont-Swansea kept firm hold on second place with a 2-0 victory over Lake Macquarie.

Most impressive winners of the day were West Wallsend who thumped Weston 4-0.

RESULTS:
Adamstown 3 (S Riddel, N Power, R Virgili) Maitland 0.
Cardiff 4 (A Tate 2, D Rowney, R Mansley) Highfields 2 (M Ballone, J Georgeff).
West Wallsend 4 (P Gillogoly, B Baldwin, W Webb, R Green) Weston 0.
Austral United 3 (R Drinkwater, G McCabe, D Richards) Central Coast 1 (G Bolter).
Belmont-Swansea 2 (G Hills 2) Lake Macquarie 0.
POINTS: Adamstown 13, Belmont Swansea 10, Maitland 6, Cardiff 6, Austral United 6, Weston 5, Highfields 4, Lake Macquarie 4, West Wallsend 4, Central Coast 3.



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Ku-ring-gai shine

KU-RING-GAI.....3
SUTHERLAND.....0

KU-RING-GAI have finally asserted themselves as unquestionable premiership material following their 3-0 drubbing of Sutherland.

Coach Dennis Ford still remains cautious but the feeling out Ku-ring-gai way is that if they can give Melita a real workout next weekend then any lingering doubts shall be quashed.

BY FRANK COLETTA

The improvement in midfield has been exemplary and in this match proved vital.

Sutherland's play was built around Vic Dal Forno, who organised their offside trap. Once he left the field with injury after half-an-hour the defence was in disarray.

Neil Williamson pounced on the lack of composure in the Sharks' back-four and scored

twice — in the 32nd minute when he drove high into the net and 17 minutes from time when he and David Williamson beat the offside trap.

Lee Sutherland grabbed the other goal three minutes before the half-time break.

KU-RING-GAI: Curtis, Kevern, Goldsworthy, Bertram, Watsons, Quigley, Sutherland, Ellem, Bennett, Nile, Williamson.

SUTHERLAND: Dart, Hesford, Terry, Nelson, Dal Forno (Rogers 30), Webber (Laronde 75), Harrington, Tasker, Beggs, Gray.

**AVALA.....1
BANKSTOWN.....0**

WAYNE COOTES, returning from a four-week lay-off, made sure of the two points for Avala when he smashed a beautiful volley home for the only goal of the match after 23 minutes.

Avala were not overly impressive and in fact

may have been a little lucky to have got away with the match.

Bankstown as ever were gallant in defeat and made use of a disorganised Avala defence which was sadly missing the services of captain and stopper John Lem-bryk, missing because of suspension.

**FAIRY MEADOW.....3
WARRINGAH.....0**

FAIRY MEADOW continue to show that they are near invincible at home with an easy 3-0 romp over lowly Warringah.

They have yet to taste defeat at Corimal and in fact have not dropped a point there.

If they can grab the odd point during their excursions to Sydney town, then they must be considered strong championship contenders.

NSW TNT SKYPAK LEAGUE

TNT SKYPAK SOCCER LEAGUE

	1st	2nd	3rd
Parramatta Melita v Avala	1-1	5-0	
Fairy Meadow v Warringah Narrabeen	3-1	2-0	3-1
Manly Warringah v Parramatta Melita	0-2	0-3	1-1
Ku-ring-gai v Sutherland Shire	3-0	1-1	0-2
Rockdale Ilinden v Cant M'ville Oly	1-1	1-2	3-0
Uruguay Auburn v Polonia	2-0	2-0	15-1
Bankstown National v Avala	0-1	1-1	0-1

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Parramatta Melita	7	5	2	0	17	3	12
Avala	7	3	4	0	12	4	10
Ku-ring-gai	6	3	3	0	9	3	9
Fairy Meadow	6	3	2	1	9	5	8
Rockdale Ilinden	6	2	3	1	8	5	7
Sutherland	5	2	2	1	8	6	6
Manly Warringah	6	2	2	2	6	6	6
Canterbury-M'ville	7	1	3	3	16	15	5
Uruguay Auburn	6	1	3	2	5	9	5
Warringah N'been	6	1	1	4	2	13	3
Polonia	5	0	1	4	2	12	1
Bankstown National	5	0	0	5	1	11	0

STATE LEAGUE SECOND DIVISION

Bathurst '75 v Blacktown United	2-3	1-4	1-1
Queens Park v Dee Why Swans	2-0	2-0	2-1
Campbelltown City v W'gong Macedonia	0-1	0-2	4-1
Gladesville Hornsby v North Bankstown	1-0	5-2	3-2
Penrith United v Canterbury & Dist	2-2	3-1	5-1
SSC Yugal v Artarmon	1-1	0-1	2-3

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
W'gong Macedonia	5	4	1	0	10	2	9
Blacktown United	5	4	0	1	13	4	8
Queens Park	5	3	1	1	11	4	7
Gladesville Hby	5	3	1	1	7	6	7
Yugal	5	2	2	1	13	6	6
Campbelltown City	5	3	0	2	6	5	6
Artarmon	6	2	2	2	9	9	6
Bathurst '75	6	1	3	2	13	10	5
North Bankstown	5	2	0	3	5	4	4
Dee Why	5	1	1	3	4	10	3
Penrith United	5	0	2	3	5	16	2
Canterbury & Dist	5	0	1	4	2	23	1

STATE LEAGUE THIRD DIVISION

Bondi Marines v Kingsford	1-1	2-3	0-2
Moorebank L'pool v Granville Dist	1-2	1-2	0-1
King Tomislav v Mt Druiit Town	4-0	2-3	2-5
Rooty Hill v North Ryde RSL	1-2	3-0	1-2
Campbelltown Dist v University of NSW	1-1	2-1	foreit
Port Hacking v Baulkham Hills	1-1	1-1	1-1

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
North Ryde	6	5	0	1	12	3	10
Kingsford	6	3	3	0	14	8	9
King Tomislav	5	3	2	0	9	3	8
Bondi Marine	5	1	4	0	10	8	6
Port Hacking	5	2	2	1	5	8	6
C'belltown Gunners	6	1	3	2	8	12	5
Baulkham Hills	5	1	2	2	6	8	4
Moorebank L'pool	5	2	0	3	5	6	4
Granville District	5	1	1	3	10	12	3
Uni of NSW	4	1	1	2	6	8	3
Mt Druiit Town	5	1	1	3	7	16	3
Rooty Hill	5	0	1	4	5	10	1

INTER URBAN FIRST DIVISION

	1st	2nd
Fairfield Kiev v Nineveh Eagles	1-3	2-1
CSI Schofields v Sydney University	0-0	0-0
Sydney University v Padstow Park	2-0	1-0
West St George v West Park United	1-0	3-1
CSI Schofields v Eastwood St Andrews	0-1	2-2
Lane Cove United v Hurstville Zagreb	2-1	4-0
Spanish Club v bye		

INTER URBAN SECOND DIVISION

Chelsea v Maroubra	1-0	4-1
Hawkesbury Dist v Wentley Waratah	2-0	5-2
Pagewood v Concordia	3-0	1-0
Trasandinos Sports v Macquarie Uni	1-0	1-3
Green Valley v Liverpool City	4-3	0-5
Macarthur United v Chile Sports	0-1	4-1

INTER URBAN THIRD DIVISION

Blacktown Wands v Rosebery	3-3	3-5
Concord Juniors v Sydney Maccabi	0-1	1-2
Dulwich Hill v Haberfield B/D's	2-1	5-1
Robins v Smithfield	3-0	0-0
Welcome Sports v Rangers Hadjuk	4-0	1-1
Sydney Maccabi v Chullora	3-0	0-1

INTER URBAN FOURTH DIVISION

Macedonia Yagoona v Argentinian Lidcombe	3-3	0-1
Lansvale United v Lithgow Workmens	5-0	1-2
Murray Farm Rangers v Greenisland	4-5	1-0
Colo Colo v Murray Farm Rangers	1-0	5-1
Petersham Lusitanos v Jedinstvo United	10-1	3-0
Castle Hill v Blacktown Workers	11-1	0-1
Nepean Rovers v Greenisland	1-5	1-3

INTER URBAN FIFTH DIVISION

Abruzzi v Amal	1-1	1-3
Luddenham Croatia v Hellas Poseidon	5-1	0-0
Cyprus United v Highlands	3-4	1-2
Fairfield Athletic v Highlands	0-2	0-0
Crescent Star v Santiago Wands	5-3	2-3
Cyprus United v Columbian	2-3	0-0

YOUNGSTER GRABS VITAL GOALS

MANLY0
MELITA2

A YOUNGSTER by the name of Warren Dalton stole the lime-light at Cromer Park yesterday by coming on as a replacement and scoring both Parramatta Melita's goals in their 2-0 win over Manly.

Dalton was sent into the match after 58 minutes by coach Mick Jones for centre-forward Barry Walker and ultimately won the match for them. Referee Richard Lorenc issued some five yellow cards during this torrid affair where no quarter was given nor asked. Due to the aggressive nature of the contest, the play became bogged down until Dalton's sizzling entry.

He opened the account after 61 minutes when Lenny Vial raced away clear of the defence and crossed to ball to Don Allan, who nodded down toward Dalton and Ray Farrugia.

The finishing of the move was disputed but in the end the youngster was awarded the accolades. Manly came out and to their credit attempted to grab an equaliser, but one of their sorties forward broke down and was exploited by Melita.

Dalton gathered the ball in his stride and took off on a solo run. He took on the last defender and

BY FRANK COLETTA

beat him, then when confronted by goalkeeper Ian Barker he cleverly lobbed the ball into the net from 30 metres.

Manly's story was one of missed chances. Their midfield again provided their strikers with good service but at the vital moment something always went amiss.

MANLY: I. Barker, Pagano, J. Barker, J. Dick, Foy, Pierce, Steven, Campbell, Leek, Holloway, Williamson (Stuart 79).

MELITA: Mullen, McPherson, O'Rourke, McCoy, McAusland, Laing, Farrugia, Davies, Walker (Dalton 58), Allan, Vial.

REFEREE: R. Lorenc.

CROWD: 883.

ROCKDALE.....1
CANTERBURY.....1

NELIO BORGES finally displayed some of his undoubted prowess when he spearheaded a fine Canterbury effort that all but defeated Rockdale.

However, the Berries fell at the final hurdle and had to be content with a 1-1 draw.

Borges goaled with a masterful chip in the 52nd minute that completely deceived Rock-



Lenny Vial

dale keeper Nick Kotz-

hombos. Geoff Wilson is proving to be a real threat time and again with any free-kicks just outside the area. In this match he drove one from 20 metres that rattled the crossbar and was followed up by hard-working Ross Brown, who scored with a diving header.

Louis Dounis had a great opportunity to score not long after but spurned the chance in front of an open goal.

URUGUAY.....2
POLONIA.....0
URUGUAY AUBURN are fast building a

reputation that no team takes pride in anywhere in the world of soccer.

They defeated Polonia 2-0, but in the past few games Uruguay's opponents have suffered many injuries.

Billy Griffiths of Melita was taken to hospital to stitch a gaping wound above his eye caused by an alleged elbow. Peter Hensman was taken off with a leg injury in the same match.

Yesterday yet more injuries occurred. Polonia full-back Grujo Vujnovic was allegedly felled in back play with only seconds remaining.

The scenes that followed in the Polonia dressing room were harrowing.

Vujnovic stepped under the showers only to collapse to the ground holding his head. It was diagnosed later that he was suffering severe concussion, impaired vision and a possible broken nose.

He was not the only one on the injury list. Young defender Richard Lasek had to leave the field with a badly swollen ankle after yet another errant tackle.

Uruguay opened the scoring on the half-hour when Tony Oshana was unmarked and untroubled and sealed the points when midfielder Hastie grabbed the second.

After an awful start to the season, Polonia will meet on Tuesday night to attempt somehow to rectify their woeful efforts.

Uruguay Auburn have pulled off a coup by getting the signature of Vincente Estavillo of the Wanderers club in Montevideo.

He previously played for Penarol and Olympiakos of Greece.

TNT SKYPAK SOCCER LEAGUE

SATURDAY MAY 25:

AVALA v URUGUAY AUBURN KNIGHT PARK No 4
CANTERBURY M'VILLE v FAIRY MEADOW ARLINGTON OVAL
(Second and third grades only)

SUNDAY MAY 26:

POLONIA v FAIRY MEADOW CHOPIN PARK
WARRINGAH N'BEEN v MANLY W'GAH N'BEEN FITNESS CAMP
MELITA EAGLES v KU-RING-GAI MELITA STADIUM
SUTHERLAND SHIRE v ROCKDALE ILINDEN SEYMOUR SHAW PARK
C'BURY M'VILLE v BANKSTOWN NATIONAL ARLINGTON OVAL

SECOND DIVISION

SATURDAY MAY 25:
Artarmon v Queens Park
Artarmon Reserve
Blacktown United v SSC Yugal
Francis Park
SUNDAY MAY 26:
Dee Why Swans v Campbelltown City
Cromer Park
W'gong Macedonia v Gladesville Hby
Berkeley SG
North Bankstown v Penrith United
Potts Park
Canterbury & Dist v Bathurst '75
Blick Oval

THIRD DIVISION

SATURDAY MAY 26:
Mt Druiit Town v Rooty Hill
Popondetta Park
North Ryde RSL v Bondi Marine
North Ryde Oval
Kingsford v Moorebank L'pool
Turruwul Park
SUNDAY MAY 26:
University of NSW v King Tomislav
Little Bay Oval
Granville Dist v Port Hacking
Garside Park
Baulkham Hills v Campbelltown Dist
Ted Horwood Reserve
Moorebank L'pool v Rooty Hill
Hammondville Park

NEXT WEEK'S GAMES

SUNDAY JUNE 2:

FAIRY MEADOW v AVALA MEMORIAL PARK (Corrimal)
MANLY WARRINGAH v POLONIA CROMER PARK
KU-RING-GAI v WARRINGAH NARRABEEN PARKLANDS OVAL
ROCKDALE ILINDEN v MELITA EAGLES HURSTVILLE OVAL
C'BURY M'VILLE v SUTHERLAND SHIRE ARLINGTON OVAL
BANKSTOWN NATIONAL v URUGUAY AUBURN JENSEN PARK

JUNIOR SCENE



Compiled by
Keith Gilmour

STONE & WRIGHT HELP WALLSEND

THE now famous Wallsend High School is out to rewrite the soccer record books in 1985.

Along with Newcastle Tech High (now Merewether High) and Booragul High, they are the only schools to have won the Tasman Cup (now the Commonwealth Bank Soccer Cup) three times.

Last year they won the Bill Turner Cup. With many of that team moving up, they have a very formidable side for this year's Commonwealth Bank Soccer Cup.

TASK

Being very conscious of former glories, they will be out to be the first school to win the senior trophy four times, to win the two trophies in successive years and perhaps win the Turner Cup in successive years.

It is certainly a mammoth task, but if enthusiasm has anything to do with it the Wallsend

BY BILL TURNER

boys are well and truly on their way.

Both Wallsend teams will be coached by former NSL player Ian Stone, with the ex-Australian squad member Dennis Wright as manager.

This combination, which brought great success in the 1984 Turner Cup, would be one of the most respected in the Hunter region.

The Commonwealth Bank team will be built around midfielder and captain Stephen Roxby.

Alongside him will be John Govan (who will also play in the Turner Cup team) and Michael Hopton, a lad of considerable promise.

Defenders Michael Young, Graham Smith, Craig Dunning and keeper Mark Roser will be hard to crack, while forwards Colin Hicks, Tony Davies, Peter Bell and Paul Newbold know only one direction in which to run ... towards the goal.

The early Wallsend results will be closely monitored.

HONOUR FOR MANLY WORKER LEN LEMS

FIFTEEN years of unremitting work in the Manly-Warringah Soccer Association has seen Len Lems (right) rewarded with life membership.

This year Len retired from the position of secretary, which he held from 1980-84. Back in 1980 he was treasurer as well.

He and his wife Mary also managed the Cromer Park can-

teen at State League and Youth League matches and the State Championships as well last season.

Len started out as manager of Forest U7 Div 2 team in 1970.

He became a life member of the Forest Soccer Club and also held many other positions with the Association.

Not content with handling the coin and the paperwork, Len has been a leading referee and also gained an Advanced Coaching Certificate.

Congratulations Len on a great record.



SCHOOL REFS REQUIRED

THE Metropolitan Catholic Schools competition is desperately in need of a strong contingent of referees to handle their matches.

The competition kicks off this Thursday (May 23) for its seventh year of operation.

Matches are played every Thursday afternoon. The grades are Under 14, Under 16 (Year 10 Opens) and Under 18 (Open Division).

Whilst the U14s and U16s play at home on alternative Thursdays, the U18s are at home on the other Thursdays when the junior teams are not playing at home.

Kick-off times are U14 1pm and U16 2pm. The referees' fees for the two matches is \$18. Each match is of 25 minute halves.

U18 kicks off at 1.30pm with 30 minute halves. The referee's fee is \$16.

Referees should contact convenor Maurice M. Gili, 39 Jacaranda Drive, Georges Hall 2198, or ring 727 0748 (home) or 724 5273 or 728 1523 (school).

Participating schools or colleges are: Patrician Brothers' College Fairfield; Patrician Brothers' High School Blacktown; Patrician Brothers' Liverpool; Holy Cross College Ryde; St Gregory's College Campbelltown; Newman High Greystanes; John Paul II College Marayong; St Benedict's College Auburn; Marist Brothers' High School Eastwood; St Patrick's High School Dundas.

PIEL THROUGH THE RANKS

RICHARD PIEL, State League club Fairy Meadow's attacking midfielder, has been coached by club secretary Walter Chichkan since he was a nine or 10-year-old.

He has now turned 18 and has proved that he has the qualities of a rugged defender as well.

Against Parramatta Melita he had a great game against their clever Maltese international Ray Farrugia until he went off injured in the last 10 minutes.

Richard, who also turned out for a while with Balgownie, last year went to England and trialled with half-a-dozen clubs.

Their verdict was that Richard is too

small in build so that was that.

So is Sydney City's Joe Watson. Look at the clever work he can get through.

Certainly teammates Mick Richardson and Paul Jones reckon that Richard can turn on some good balls for them.

Fairy Meadow coach John Fleming, with plenty of football behind him in both England and New Zealand as well as with Wollongong Wolves, reckons he is on a winner.

SERDERON THE PLASTIC MAN PRIZE



A TOTAL of \$1,000 in prizemoney is being awarded by leading Sydney polythene distributors Serderon Pty Ltd.

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The decision of the editorial staff of ASW will be final.

JUNIORS WANTED AT SCG

THE NSW Amateur Soccer Federation has backed an appeal to Sydney associations to cancel matches after noon on Saturday, June 1.

On that day, the Socceroos will be involved in the second round of a magnificent tournament which includes Tottenham Hotspur (England), Udinese (Italy) and Vasco da Gama (Brazil).

The appeal originated from the Australian Soccer Federation in a bid to get maximum exposure for the Socceroos in their World Cup bid.

NSW ASF president Ian Holmes said: "The ASF has chosen Melbourne to host the majority of the games for commercial reasons."

"There are a number of factors for this, not the least of which has

been that organised soccer at various levels has been conducted in Sydney in opposition to international fixtures."

Loss of at least two weekends caused by the recent record wet is bound to cause a headache for associations in arriving at a decision.

Perhaps it would have been better to make an appeal earlier, provisional on all

contracts for the tours being finalised.

Associations who heed the call and arrange for their clubs to take parties of players along to the game will be helping the preparations of Frank Arok and the Socceroos.

No further appeal should be made this season in fairness to the association's legitimate needs for competition times.

COWAN BOOSTS REFEREEING

BRITISH Army major Tom Cowan (right) has joined the elite group of Class One referees in the Albury-Wodonga Referees' Association.

Scottish-born Cowan is in the Border district as part of a two-year military exchange programme with the Royal Australian Army Ordinance Corp.

He joins leading local referees Mike Randall and 1983 FA award winning referee John Milton.

Cowan has been involved in soccer since his early childhood. He broke his leg on two occasions and then turned to refereeing.

His arrival in the Border district is a big boost to the game.

— FRANK FINLAY



COOMA TRUMPS

THE Cooma Under 15 side has been chosen as one of seven teams in the crack ACT First Division Junior and Youth League.

ACT officials have had to revamp that 2 x 10 team competitions due to disparity in standard of play.

From after the school holidays comes seven-team First and Second Divisions and a six-team Third Division.

There should be room for the bye teams to meet in a challenge.

Apart from Cooma, Goulburn and Croatia Deakin are highly favoured to do well in First Division.

ASSISTANT FOR VIC DALGLEISH

THE standing of the staff for the Australian Under 16 is to be upgraded by the addition of an assistant coach.

This was announced by ASF executive director Brian Emery following the recent meeting of the World Cup Committee in Sydney.

Mr Emery said: "Our other national teams have assistance for the coach. We feel it is necessary to extend the same staffing to the U16s".

This speaks volumes for the importance that is now attached to the Australian boys, who will be competing in the first-ever World U16 Cup in China.

Coach Vic Dalglish will certainly find that some of the burden drops from his shoulders.

He has a great reputation as a motivator of players and now he will receive support from another man well versed in the game.

Nominations have been called from all states for the new position.

With opponents of the ranking of West Germany, Argentina and the Congo the U16 Soccer-ers need all the support they can get.

The series begins in Tianjin on July 31, so the time is drawing close.

The squad's air-fares are being met by Eastern Kodak in New York and Kodak Australia is assisting in many ways.

U16 SQUAD ANNOUNCED FOR CHINA

VICTORIANS can hold their heads high with the selection of eight of their players in the 16-player Australian World Under 16 Cup squad for China at the end of July.

The players are: Conrads Nobile, George Bouhoutsos, Damien Butler, Gareth Naven, Craig Naven, George Joloveski, Michael Graham, Robert Runje, Craig Foster, David Scott, Alf Catalano, David Barrett, Marko Talajich, Anthony Grbac, Scott Racey, Paul Trimboli, Stan Trodis and Colin Cooper.

The stand-by players are Neal Catgrove, Matthew Nicholson, David Aranyi and Gavin Parry.

Victoria came through the national Under 14 and 15 Championships in successive years as winners.

State by state, there are eight Victorians, three each from NSW and Western Australia and two a piece from Queensland and Northern NSW.

Coach Vic Dalglish hopes to have the squad in camp for ten days before leaving for China.



VIC DALGLEISH

Insurance costs floor country

THERE is a very strong feeling in Western NSW that the cost of fielding teams in soccer is too high.

Some other sports can be played at half soccer's cost or less.

The compulsory insurance scheme is an area where costs have increased dramatically, and it has helped to cause dropouts in both the State League and the associations.

In the country it is becoming increasingly difficult to raise extra money required for these purposes.

The Mitchell Association has dropped back because semi-finals and finals have been abandoned.

POLICY

In the juniors, the policy of a school insisting that their players must play with that school only has not helped.

There could be a lot more junior teams if this policy was reversed.

All associations in Western NSW are now under way.

Dubbo (Orana Association) has many teams, but it is a shame they do not en-

ter teams in all the age groups of the Branch's competitions.

Central West and Orange both got away to a smooth start.

Bathurst '75 Soccer Club's entry into the Sydney Youth League is a milestone in the club's history.

They started short in U14 and U15 grades but they are working hard to build up.

FUNDS

But meanwhile in country areas there is a definite limit on available funds.

NSW administrators should realise that something has to be done urgently to take the insurance levy off the players, because soccer is suffering badly.

BLACK-TOWN EXPANDS

MT DRUITT Town Centre will provide the future home of

MARCONI'S REVERSAL

MARCONI's magnificent Under 16 team kicked ahead to the top of Group A with a clearcut 6-2 win over St George at Peakhurst Park.

They now lead their competition with 12 points, followed by St George and Nepean on 10 and Marconi on eight.

The strange point is that Marconi lost 2-0 to Granville last week and the Magpies are second-bottom with two points.

Coach Vic Divani put the hiccup down to his decision to give everyone a run because they were facing the bottom team.

On Saturday it seemed that the small ground might not be in Marconi's favour. However, they led 2-1 at half-time and raced away to 5-1 and then ended up at 6-2.

Neil Esho chimed in with a hat-trick, with Kevin Vella, Simon Crane and Anthony Serjen also finding the net.

Skipper Klaus Okon was the midfield conductor and the defence was rarely pierced.

That Serjen 30 metre drive into the corner was a picture worth framing.



YOUTH LEAGUE

RD 5 — SUN MAY 12 — DEFERRED GAMES GROUP A

	U13	U14	U15	U16
St George v Nepean	0-1	2-1	3-0	3-2
Granville v Illawarra	1-7	1-0	0-8	1-2

GROUP B

Central Coast v Melita	0-1	1-2	1-2	0-2
Croatia v Southern Dists	0-1	1-0	3-0	2-4
Manly v Ku-ring-gai	0-2	1-1	2-0	3-0
Avala v Nth Bankstown	1-6	0-1	2-2	2-1

GROUP C

Blacktown v Yugal	6-0	1-4	7-1	0-3
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ROUND 8 — SAT MAY 18 GROUP A

Canterbury v Apia	2-1	0-2	0-1	1-1
St George v Marconi	0-2	0-0	4-1	2-6
Sydney Olympic v Illawarra	0-1	4-1	2-1	5-1
Nepean v Blacktown City	0-5	0-0	3-2	3-1
Sutherland v Granville	Deferred			

GROUP B

Croatia v Central Coast	3-2	1-3	0-1	2-1
Baulkham Hills v Avala	1-1	3-2	2-3	0-12
Southern Dists v Manly	3-1	0-0	3-1	1-1
Gladesville v Nth Bankstown	4-0	1-2	1-1	4-1
Melita v Ku-ring-gai	1-3	2-0	7-1	2-0

GROUP C

Rockdale v Bathurst	4-1	8-0	5-1	1-0
Canterbury v Blacktown	1-1	1-0	0-1	5-0
Bankstown v Campbelltown	2-0	5-1	1-2	1-1
Sydney City v Yugal	16-0	2-0	8-1	3-2
Macarthur bye				

UNDER 13

GROUP A: Marconi 11, Blacktown City 10, Sydney Olympic 9, St George 7, Illawarra 7, Nepean 7, Canterbury 6, Apia 4, Sutherland 3, Granville 2.
GROUP B: Southern Dists 12, North Bankstown 11, Melita 8, Ku-ring-gai 8, Gladesville 8, Central Coast 6, Avala 6, Baulkham Hills 4, Manly 3, Croatia 2.
GROUP C: Sydney City 14, Blacktown 12, Marconi 12, Canterbury 9, Bankstown 8, Campbelltown 8, Rockdale 7, Bathurst 2, Yugal 2.

UNDER 14

GROUP A: Sydney Olympic 14, St George 13, Marconi 9, Apia 7, Granville 5, Canterbury-M'ville 5, Blacktown City 4, Nepean 3, Sutherland 3, Illawarra 3.
GROUP B: Melita 14, North Bankstown 10, Central Coast 8, Avala 7, Baulkham Hills 6, Gladesville 6, Manly 5, Southern Dists 3, Croatia 2, Ku-ring-gai 2.
GROUP C: Rockdale 14, Macarthur 13, Bankstown 10, Yugal 8, Sydney City 7, Canterbury 7, Campbelltown 5, Blacktown 4, Bathurst 4.

UNDER 15

GROUP A: Sydney Olympic 11, St George 10, Illawarra 9, Apia 7, Nepean 7, Marconi 7, Sutherland 6, Blacktown City 6, Canterbury-M'ville 3, Granville 0.
GROUP B: Melita 11, North Bankstown 10, Gladesville 8, Southern Dists 7, Manly 7, Avala 7, Central Coast 6, Croatia 6, Baulkham Hills 4, Ku-ring-gai 2.
GROUP C: Blacktown 14, Sydney City 13, Macarthur 12, Campbelltown 10, Canterbury 9, Bankstown 8, Yugal 3, Rockdale 3, Bathurst 2.

UNDER 16

GROUP A: Marconi 12, St George 10, Nepean 10, Apia 8, Olympic 7, Canterbury 7, Blacktown City 5, Illawarra 4, Granville 2, Sutherland 1.
GROUP B: Manly 13, Avala 11, Melita 8, Croatia 8, Ku-ring-gai 8, Gladesville 7, Southern Dists 7, Central Coast 4, Nth Bankstown 2, Baulkham Hill 0.
GROUP C: Sydney City 14, Canterbury 12, Bathurst 12, Bankstown 7, Rockdale 7, Blacktown 6, Yugal 6, Campbelltown 6, Macarthur 4.

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NZ MANAGER GETS THREE MORE YEARS

ROY COX, manager of the New Zealand Women's Football Association, has been reappointed to that position for a further three years.

I spoke with Roy by phone and he made a few interesting points about our women's soccer. The humorous, fun-loving Cox said: "It looks like New Zealand will host the next Oceania Cup in March."

"As you probably know, the New Zealand women's team cannot travel overseas next October during the men's World Cup qualifying matches."

"We have been invited to Fiji in November or to attend an Asian tournament in the Philippines."

Cox, 49, was born in London and played for Queens Park Rangers, Dartford and Brentford as an outside-left before migrating to New Zealand.

He is married to Barbara, who captained NZ last December in Taiwan during the World Women's tournament.

She was a tower of strength for the "black and whites" with her great experience and good solid play.

Barbara played centre-back or sweeper, but she never shirked the chance to push up into midfield whenever the occasion called for.

Roy also played in a semi-professional league made up of business houses such as the Ford Team and scored 77 goals — a record which still stands.

"I must give credit to Australia for creating the position of national executive director. From what we read over here the AWSA has made a very fine choice in appointing Keith Gilmour," said Roy.

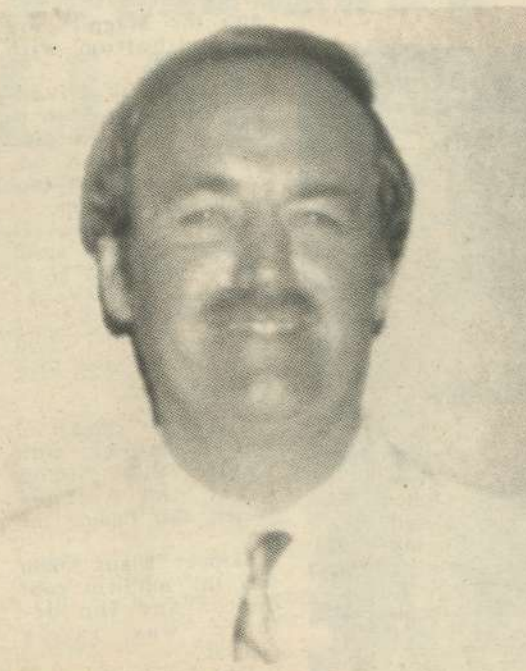
"We must organise a tournament here and try to get countries such as Japan, Taiwan, Hong Kong and West Germany."

"I'm sure Australia feels the same way and must be sick and tired of playing against each other."

"As far as our national team is concerned, we go into a brief camp prior to leaving for overseas."

"I am responsible for fund-raising but we are to receive some government subsidies in the near future."

"We also have some clinics operating for



ROY COX

younger players to learn the code correctly."

Cox is a little critical of some of the Australian national team players.

He said: "From the squad I saw last December in Taiwan, I felt that some of your senior players are still in the national team only because of their reputation and not on form."

"I think Australia made an error there and it probably was one of the reasons for dropping points against Japan and the two Taiwanese teams."

When I told Roy that Australia was considering inviting Italy here towards the end of the year and would be interested in bringing his NZ team across, he replied: "Well, I don't know. We still haven't been officially notified."

But rest assured, if the AWSA does succeed in bringing out Italy and possibly Japan or Taiwan, Roy Cox's New Zealand side would be here in a flash. Nothing pleases New Zealand more than a challenge.

BARBARA COX PLAYS ON

NEW ZEALAND, understandably Australia's most frequent international opponent due to its geographical proximity, is already getting ready for further international combats.

And one player who is keener than most is the New Zealand skipper Barbara Cox, wife of national manager Roy and mother of two teenage girls.

Needless to say, Barbara has done a good job as a mother, proof being that she has both her daughters playing in the Mt Wellington squad.

It seems its a family affair, but far from it.

Despite Barbara's age of 38 years, when most other players have long hung up their boots, this attractive blonde centre-back is playing better than ever.

I first met the 5'4" athletic-looking Barbara at the inaugural Oceania Cup tournament in New Caledonia in 1983.

Her husband's national squad defeated Australia 3-2 in the final, but Barbara didn't play there because, most surprisingly, she had missed selection by her husband.

But that did not discourage Barbara's international football ambitions.

She fought through club soccer to win back a place in the New Zealand national squad and travelled to Taiwan last December for the World Women's Invitational Tournament.

To say that she played well would be a gross understatement to say the least.

Not only was she the "spine" of the New Zealand side, supplying solidarity, vision and balance down the back, but skippered her team in a most professional manner.

As well as being a top player for her club and national team, Barbara Cox has a strong administrative background.

These are some of the positions she has held: from 1978 to 1985, secretary of the Auckland Women's FA; from 1979 to 1983, council member of the NZWFA; from 1979 to 1985, control board member of the Auckland FA.

She also chaired two sub-committees and coached and served in public relations during that time as well.

And as a player? She first took up playing soccer at the tender age of 26, when most other girls are considering giving up the game.

It took Barbara only two years before she captained New Zealand to victory in the inaugural Asian Cup in Hong Kong back in 1975.

No internationals were played from 1975 till 1979 when New Zealand played Aus-



BARBARA COX

tralia. She missed selection for this squad.

But the following year she was selected for the national side to face Australia in New Zealand and followed this up with selection for the national side to tour Taiwan in 1981 for the second World Women's Invitational Football Tournament.

Then in 1982, tragedy struck Barbara when, after being selected yet again for the national squad for the home matches against Taiwan, in a warm-up game she fractured her acetabulum.

I don't know what that is, but believe me she fractured it!

In 1983 she missed selection for the national squad to compete in the first Oceania Cup, but her burning passion for the national side saw her travel with the squad to New Caledonia where I first met her.

And for all the Australian girls who played in this Cup tournament at Noumea, New Zealand's No 9, Julie Hogg, is now married and is expecting her first child in three weeks time, Barbara tells me.

Last year, Barbara again fought her way back into the New Zealand side for the third WWIFT in Taiwan as skipper of the side.

Summing up her football career, Barbara Cox has to her credit 23 full in-

ternationals caps for New Zealand.

She has represented Auckland since 1973 and captained the team for the last seven years.

She began her playing career as a striker, and gradually over the years moved back to centre-back or sweeper.

In 1983 she was senior coach of Auckland Under 19 B team, and last year obtained her Preliminary coaching badge.

She was senior coach for Auckland Under 19s and Under 21s, assistant coach for Mt Wellington and then obtained her NZ Intermediate coaching badge, thus making her the only woman in New Zealand to achieve such a qualification.

Barbara's main hobbies (and you would think that soccer has drowned any other interests) are stamp-collecting, country and western music, reading and of course travelling.

We have not seen the last of Barbara Cox. Don't be surprised if our Australian strikers are confronted by this blonde, slender 8 stone 10 pony-tailed centre-back next March in the second Oceania Cup tournament in New Zealand.

Barbara Cox is a credit to New Zealand women's football, her husband, children and herself.

STATE TITLES ON QUEEN'S BIRTHDAY

ALBURY-WODONGA Women's Association secretary Mrs Terry Cotterill reports that the 1985 NSW Women's Championship is right on target.

The semis will be conducted at the Border Soccer Club grounds in Albury over the Queen's Birthday weekend. The ground has excellent facilities for canteens and changing rooms, but Terry won't guarantee that the weather won't be cold.

Mrs Cotterill, a mathematics teacher at Albury North High School, was in Sydney recently and attended the NSW Women's ASF General Meeting.

The state titles are a very important part of the women's soccer season.

The following groupings were announced:

Group 1. Holroyd, Gladesville, Northern Beaches B and St George.

Group 2. Northern Beaches A, South Coast, Blacktown and Albury.



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BADGES COLLECTED

KEEN soccer badge collector Ray Harges of 9 Narrier St, Wallsend, NSW 2287, aims to obtain many badges by writing to **AUSTRALIAN SOCCER WEEKLY**.

The address you want for South West Queensland Zone, Ray, is PO Box 318, Warwick, Qld 4370.

Good collecting, Ray!

UK Scene

TV THREATENS A BLACKOUT

THURSDAY June 6 is deadline date for English soccer clubs to decide if they will accept the latest cash offer from television.

Right now, the clubs are not in the mood for compromise. They claim TV is selling the game short and there will be no new deal unless TV substantially increases its offer.

A complete blackout of soccer, with television banned at all grounds, is in prospect.

The Football League clubs have already refused a bid of \$36,000,000 over the next four years.

Now TV wants to negotiate a fee on an

individual match basis and suggests it would not be less than \$100,000 per match. The League suggests \$900,000 per match would be nearer what is needed.

With the television bosses (ITV and BBC) imposing the June 6 deadline for a decision, the clubs complain they are being "blackmailed".

They want to take the TV blackout threat to the Monopolies Commission.

STICK FOR NORM



NORMAN WHITESIDE (pictured) is taking some stick from critics who reckon he dishes out the rough stuff too much.

He has a champion in his Northern Ireland international skipper Sammy McIlroy, who believes Norman is being given a raw deal.

McIlroy said: "It's time everyone gave Norman a fair break. He has a reputation as a hard man and it is spreading throughout Europe but it is undeserved."

"Norman's reputation as a hard case is nonsense."

However, Whiteside, who was given the yellow card when Northern Ireland beat Turkey in Belfast, is suspended from the return World Cup qualifying game in Izmir.

HOWE HITS OUT

ARSENAL boss Don Howe publicly admitted he faces the possibility of the sack after his team's poor performance in losing to struggling Luton Town.

Howe said: "I know my job is threatened — of course it is. But I won't change my attitude."

"Our players are the best-paid in the country but if they go in for their wages on Thursday, they will be embarrassing themselves."

"As their manager, I'm not sure I should get paid either."

MILLION IS NOT ENOUGH

SPURS have made a bid of \$1,000,000 for Newcastle United's Chris Waddle — but they'll have to go higher to get the much-wanted forward.

Newcastle made two big offers to the player but Waddle feels the time has

RON IS NOT HAPPY

THERE were great celebrations at Birmingham City when promotion to the First Division was assured but one man, team manager Ron Saunders, refused to join the champagne drinkers.

Saunders, a dour character at the best of times, said: "At the moment, promotion doesn't mean a thing to me."

"It's obvious the squad is not strong enough. There is a tremendous amount of hard work to be done."

SHEEP KEEP OUT!

WHEN Chelsea decided to instal an electrified wire around their pitch, there were screams of protest, rightly, from all sides.

It has now been revealed that a small Norfolk team called Corpustly beat Chelsea to the plan.

Corpustly have had an electric wire around their ground for years ... to prevent sheep invading the pitch!

BOBBY ROBSON'S England team has been playing some reasonable football recently and looks certain to qualify for next year's World Cup.

But there are grave doubts about the depth of the squad.

For instance, players like Peter Shilton, Kenny Sansom, Bryan Robson and Terry Butcher — who are automatic choices — have no recognised deputies.

Shilton's number two is Gary Bailey of Manchester United or Chris Woods of Norwich City, but both are inexperienced at this level and inconsistent too.

Bailey and Woods have only one international cap between them.

At left-back, if anything happens to Sansom, England would be left with either 31-year-old Alan Kennedy of Liverpool or the younger Nick Pickering of Sunderland.

Butcher's centre-half understudy remains a mystery and similarly there is nobody lined up to take over from Bryan Robson — England's most important player.

Summing up, England have one good team but they'll need two when they travel to Mexico next year.



TERRY BUTCHER (right): automatic choice as centre-half.

ALL THE WEEKEND ACTION FROM BRITAIN

WHITESIDE THE WEMBLEY HERO

IRISHMAN Norman Whiteside is the hero of Manchester this week after scoring the only goal in the English FA Cup Final at Wembley to sink Everton's hopes of a never-achieved treble.

But before Whiteside's magnificent goal, after 20 minutes of extra-time, all the odds were stacked against Manchester United.

Kevin Moran had been sent off by referee Peter Willis after 77 minutes to earn the unwelcome distinction of being the only man dismissed in a Wembley Cup Final.

Moran and his team-mates were bitterly angry about that decision, which appeared far too harsh for the offence committed.

The Irish centre-half could not believe it when the referee sent him off after a tackle involving Everton's Peter Reid.

Even Reid said later that the tackle should never have brought Moran's so-severe punishment.

With United reduced to 10 men and the Wembley turf having its traditional leg-weary effect on both teams, Everton looked the likely winners against their handicapped opponents.

United, though, found new reserves of energy and team spirit and the expected Everton surge for goal did not materialise.

In fact, the Merseysiders had a particularly disappointing afternoon at Wembley, their football far removed from the excellent stuff they served up against Rapid Vienna four days earlier.

United, too, did not hit the high peaks of which they are capable and it all added up to yet another quite ordinary Wembley Final.

The goal which settled it made up for any previous lapses.

Whiteside burst through on the right, with Pat Van Den Houwe and goalkeeper Neville Southall facing him.

He spotted a gap and curled a perfect left foot shot around both of them and into the corner of the net.

When it was all over, a further indignity was to be heaped on the unfortunate Kevin Moran, who was not permitted to accept his Cup winners medal because of his sending-off.

United's best players were Paul McGrath, John Gidman, Frank Stapleton and, of course, match-winner Whiteside.

It was difficult to name Everton's best performers because the whole team disappointed as a unit, but Reid did some useful work in midfield and defenders Van Den Houwe and Gary Stevens played well enough.

The players who were expected to be the stars, Bryan Robson, Trevor Steven and Kevin Sheedy, for instance, were the major disappointments.

CELTIC CREATE HISTORY

CELTIC created Scottish FA Cup history at Hampden Park by beating Dundee United in the Cup Final.

The Glasgow side won 2-1, after being a goal behind with only 13 minutes left.

The win gave Celtic the Cup for the 27th time, a new record.

But before late goals, excellent goals, too, from Davie Provan and Frank McGarvey, the Cup seemed to be heading for Dundee.

Provan is due in Australia this week to play for Olympic as a guest.

Stewart Beedie had given United the lead in 54 minutes but much of the football provided before that goal is better forgotten.

Celtic boss David Hay surprised plenty of people by replacing his super-midfielder Paul McStay in the second half but the gamble paid off.